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HOUSE CAUCUS PLANS BATTLE FOR PAY BILL

'Death Battalion' Will Fight Amendments by Tories on Floor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—A "Battalion of Death" was organized secretly in the House today to prevent a coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans from crippling the Wages-and-Hours Bill through restrictive amendments when it reaches the floor next Monday.

Called into caucus by Rep. Arthur D. Healy, D., Mass., proponents of the wages measure agreed to keep a sufficient number of members in the chamber at all times to combat the flood of amendments which will be directed at the bill.

Speaker William B. Bankhead and Majority Leader Sam Rayburn pleaded with more than 100 Demo-

Write Your Congressman Demanding Passage of the Wages and Hours Bill

Unions and other organizations, as well as individuals, are urged to write their Congressmen and call on them to oppose all weakening amendments and to vote for the Black-Connelly Wages and Hours Bill. Labor's Non-Partisan League in a recent statement declared:

"The workers of this country want the Black-Connelly Bill passed by Congress at the earliest moment and without any more crippling amendments. Labor's Non-Partisan League will exert every influence to accomplish that purpose."

crats present to stop obstructing action on the labor bill—No. 2 on President Roosevelt's legislative program—to unite in getting quick approval of the measure.

SEE NO WEAKENING

Tonight, however, there was no indication that there is any weakening in the ranks of the Southern Democrats who bottled up the wages bill in committee at the last session and who were sharply rebuked last week when the House petitioned the bill out of their hands to give all members a chance to vote on it.

Leaders sought to test opinion on secret revision made by the House Labor Committee which would insert into the measure administrative provisions similar to those embraced by the invalidated NRA.

The Committee proposed to create a Wage-Hour division in the Labor Department under a \$10,000 a year administrator and to appoint a wage-hour committee to recommend minimum terms for any industry in which the administrator has reason to believe oppressive labor conditions exist. It is specified that an equal number of persons representing the employer, employee and not more than three representing the public, shall serve on such committees.

The Committees would be empowered to summon witnesses and the administrator would be required to hold public hearings. He would have power to impose wage-hour limits within the scope of the act.

6 Die in Farm Fire

OREGON, Ill., Dec. 9 (UP).—The charred bodies of a mother and her five children, were removed today from the smoldering ruins of their farm home.

Philly Rushes \$700; Will Finish Fund Drive Dec. 17

The Daily Worker has dispatched the following telegram to the Communist Party district organizers of Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, New England, Maryland, Connecticut and New Jersey:

"Daily Worker financial situation serious. You must do everything in your power to finish district quota this month. Look to you to assume personal direction in making success. Send all collections as soon as available."

Seven hundred dollars was Philadelphia's answer yesterday to the Daily Worker's appeal to the eastern districts to finish their drive quotas this month.

"We are immediately swinging into action to bring the drive to a successful conclusion by December 17," declared Ben Shohren, for the Philadelphia Drive Committee. "That is the date of the banquet to be tendered to Steve Nelson, at the Majestic Hotel, Broad and Girard streets, Philadelphia."

Actresses Boycott Japanese Goods



Members of the cast of "Many Mansions" Broadway play are backing the boycott against Japanese goods and are supporting the Anti-Silk Parade which will take place on Saturday. Actresses are shown reading story on the boycott activities of New York women in the Daily Worker. Photo shows seated, left to right, Greichen Davidson, Flora Campbell, and Paula Miller. Standing Catherine Squire and Hilda Reis. [See story on Page 2.]

Declaration of Independence Blasted at Industry Parley; Labor Is Target of Weir Attack

Labor Board Aide Rebukes Industrialists for Violating Law

Guarded doors are closed. Words are muffled by costly draperies and two-inch carpets. Tom Girdler, high priest of the union-busters, sits at the head of the speakers' table, gavel in hand.

Two thousand members of the National Manufacturers' Association lean forward over their coffee cups lest they miss a word from "Little Steel's" master.

Thus, in secret, in the Grand Ball Room of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel yesterday gathered organized reaction in the final session of the association's annual convention—fountainhead of the "Get Roosevelt" cry, of terror and of hysterical appeals for the President's assassination.

WONT DISCLOSE SPEECH What Tom Girdler said must go unreported. His speech was not included in the neatly typed "handouts" given to reporters who cooled their heels in the press room.

What was released for public consumption, however, makes any guess on what the murderer of ten South Chicago workers had to say, a conservative one.

The manufacturers cheered gleefully a blatant attack on the Declaration of Independence by Dr. George B. Cullen, president of Colgate University.

"Standing here today," the former Baptist minister said, "I can think of nothing that is less self-evident than that all men are created free and equal . . . the

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O'Connell Tells Hague 'Suspensions Confirmed'

Progressive Montana Congressman Answers 'I Am the Law' Mayor of Jersey City—Ernst Tells of Civil Rights Fight at Meeting

By Adam Lapin (Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 9.—Representative Jerry O'Connell of Montana wrote Mayor Frank (I am the law) Hague of Jersey City today that his political future was doomed and that he might as well "recognize the handwriting on the wall."

'I Am the Law' Hague Urges Strap Replace Children's Court

The way to abolish juvenile delinquency and crime is to "abolish the courts for children," said Mayor "Feuhrer" Hague of Jersey City yesterday before the joint legislative committee on law enforcement meeting in New York City. "Take out the strap and impress them in another way. I'm going to close all of the correctional institutions in Jersey City because they're no good."

Hague urged the use of force and harsh treatment instead of sympathetic administrative interest into the problems of child delinquency.

Relief Rolls Rise 7th Consecutive Week in Nation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—Works Progress relief rolls showed the seventh consecutive weekly increase today when officials reported a rise of 5,411 for the week ended Nov. 20.

The increase was less than for the previous week when 11,607 persons were added to relief rolls. The total number of persons employed on WPA projects in the week ended Nov. 20, was 1,509,556.

Contrary to the nation-wide trend, New York City topped off 2,338 WPA workers to bring its total down to 135,223.

The rest of New York State showed an increase of 436.

Auto Crash Victim With Bad Injury Ousted by Hospital in Brooklyn

Brooklyn Resident Told to 'Get Out' When He Refuses to Sign Paper He Can't Read—Suffered Possible Fractured Skull

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WPA TO ADD 350,000 MORE TO ITS ROLLS

1,575,000 Is Estimate of Those Now on Jobs; Increase Noted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).—WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins tonight said 350,000 additional persons will be added to relief rolls soon in an effort to soften the blows from the current trade slump.

"We can add about 350,000 more to the WPA and we are going to allocate those quotas," Hopkins said, adding that "there is no implication in any of this relative to the number of people which will be unemployed this winter."

"This is what we can do within our existing budget," he explained.

1,575,000 ON ROLLS

Hopkins said that he estimated present relief rolls at 1,575,000. For the week ending Dec. 4, there were 1,537,539 persons on relief. This was an increase of 17,779 over the week ending Nov. 27. Only six states and territories showed a lower number of persons on relief during the week ending Dec. 4.

These decreases were: District of Columbia, 73; New Jersey, 301; New York City, 61; Pennsylvania 174; South Dakota, 55; Alaska, 2. Hopkins revealed that he was leaving for the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., tonight for a physical check-up.

Death Toll in Cold Wave Reaches 50

Buffalo Severely Hit—Village Cut Off, Supplies Meager

Icy gales whipped eastward across the United States yesterday, carrying the worst cold wave of the winter and sending the mercury to zero or below in seven states.

"Abnormal cold" prevailed from the Rocky Mountains to the Appalachians and snow blanketed most of the Northern and Central portions of the country.

The nation counted deaths attributed to the cold wave in excess of 50 since Monday.

5 DEATHS REPORTED IN BUFFALO AREA

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9 (UP).—The village of Kenmore was threatened with a shortage of milk and bread today as the death toll from one of the worst snowstorms in the history of the Niagara frontier mounted to five.

The latest casualty was Frank J. Ringer, 59, a Lehigh Valley engineer, who collapsed and died of a heart attack while wading through snow drifts. Three deaths were reported in Buffalo, and one at Jamestown.

Industrial plants along the river road leading to Tonawanda and Niagara Falls were forced to curtail operations. In some plants workers have been snowbound since Tuesday night.

Most downtown offices in Buffalo reported that many of their employees were still snowbound.

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LOYALISTS HALT FOE AT MADRID, ARAGON IN BITTER FIGHTING

New Franco Air Raids Show Fascist Failure To Advance at Front

Bombardments of Barcelona, Other Towns on Mediterranean Coastline Spread People's Determination to Win War

By Joseph North (Wireless to the Daily Worker)

BARCELONA, Dec. 9.—The second bombardment of Barcelona, Tarragona and other towns on the Mediterranean coastline within 24 hours divulges the new emphasis of fascist strategy upon spreading panic among the civil population through mass murder of non-combatants, particularly women and children.

Hospital towns were bombed and strafed in recent days, heightening the horror which sweeps the country in the wake of fascist attack.

It is all an attempt to hide the fascists' failure at the front, where during last weeks they have made no advance anywhere despite the reinforcements which have flooded to other fronts since the fall of Gijon.

REPULSED NEAR MADRID

Yesterday they tried to take Villanueva de la Canada, famous since the Brunete campaign, and were repulsed after one and a half hours' furious assault.

The terror campaign is fruitless. The Prussian military mind, though

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JUAN NEGRIN, Premier of Spain, whose cabinet is now stationed in Barcelona.

Nanking Held by Chinese Despite Heavy Air Raids

Japanese Claim Their Troops Are Smashing Way into Walled Capital—Nippon Chief Says Army Will Show No Mercy to Chinese

NANKING, Dec. 9.—11:50 A.M. (UP).—Japanese planes staged three raids on Nanking this morning but at the hour this message was dispatched Chinese forces still were holding all the walled city and those areas outside the walls which are adjacent to the Yangtze River.

Southbury Zoning Law Is Passed to Bar Camp of Nazis

SOUTHBURY, Conn., Dec. 9.—Enraged townsfolk here, through a newly set up zoning commission, have enacted laws which make it virtually impossible for members of the Nazi "German-American Bund" to establish a big camp in the midst of this historic Colonial American setting.

The Nazis purchased through a realty agent 17 acres of land for the purpose of building a semi-military camp to accommodate 1,000 fascists.

BOMB PUKOW

They said bombs were dropped near the center of the city.

Pukow was bombed simultaneously and the concussion from Chinese anti-aircraft batteries on the river bank rattled windows in the Embassy buildings.

Japanese planes flew directly over the U. S. Embassy, which is in the northern part of the walled area of Nanking, and then went into power dives dropping bombs to the Northeast, possibly in an effort to breach the city walls and destroy Chinese batteries around the city gates.

The Chinese expected even heavier air raids during the afternoon. There was a heavy ground haze which was intensified by smoke and gas from the exploding bombs.

JAPANESE EXPECT TO ENTER NANKING

SHANGHAI, Friday, Dec. 10 (UP).—Japanese spokesman in Shanghai said today Chinese were resisting strongly at Nanking.

Japanese claimed their troops were smashing into Nanking at dawn today after effecting breaches in the ancient city's thick gray walls.

A spokesman for Lieut. Gen. Iwane Matsui, Japanese commander, today said, "Our soldiers should be well inside the walled city before midnight."

CALL FOR SURRENDER

The Japanese Domei news agency said Japanese planes dropped letters, enclosed in bamboo tubes, to

Fresh Outbreaks in Morocco Against Fascist Regime

MADRID, Dec. 9.—Government troops along the Madrid and Aragon fronts shattered fierce fascist infantry attacks, mowing down the attackers with machine-gun fire and blasting the few who broke through with hand grenades.

It was the first important military action on the two fronts after several weeks of relative quiet caused by the intense cold and Gen. Francisco Franco's hesitancy at opening an offensive against the strong Loyalist entrenchments.

Along the Aragon front, where Loyalists have made ready to smash a scheduled fascist "big push" towards the sea as soon as it started, desperate fighting took place along the Ebro River.

FASCISTS THROWN BACK

Fascists were routed after a half-hour of pitched battle with hand grenades and bayonets at Monte Sillero and a road between Mediana and Puchla de Albornon, in the Ebro River valley.

Fascist artillery batteries retaliated later by shelling Government positions at Zapatero.

The Ebro River was overflowing at several points, menacing fascist positions.

At Gijón, about 15 miles West of Madrid, another fascist attack was thrown back with heavy losses. During an hour and a half of bitter fighting, both sides brought machine guns, grenades and artillery into play.

Anti-aircraft batteries at Barcelona drove off three fascist bombing planes that swooped down upon the city from heavy fog banks at sea. The city meanwhile continued its search for victims of the destructive raid Tuesday.

OUTBREAKS REPORTED AGAINST FASCISTS

PARIS, Dec. 9 (UP).—Fresh anti-fascist outbreaks were reported tonight from Tangiers, across the Straits of Gibraltar.

The Agence Espagne (Loyalist) News Agency said that nine violent demonstrations against Franco were staged by relatives of Moroccan troops fighting on the fascist battlefront.

Natives filled the streets shouting "Down with Franco!" and "Franco is an assassin!"

The worst clash occurred in front of the Falangist (Spanish fascist) headquarters in Tangiers where police attacked the demonstrators.

USSR Unions Appeal for A Huge Vote

Historic Achievements Under C.P. Leadership Cited in Statement

(By Wireless to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—The broadest and most significant election campaign in the history of the Soviet Union went into the home stretch today with a call by the Soviet trade unions to workers, engineers, technicians and scientists to vote to a man in the election for the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R. Sunday.

The appeal, issued by the All-Union Central Council of the Soviet Trade Unions, which have more than 22,000,000 members, emphasizes the historic strides on the path of progress made by the Soviet people under the leadership of the Communist Party.

In the U.S.S.R., the appeal stresses the entire people can join in unanimous support of the Bolsheviks, whose vision and leadership are responsible for the victory of Socialism.

THE BOLSHIEV LEADERSHIP

"The trade unions," the appeal declares, "like other organizations and groups of non-Party persons, takes part in the election in an alliance, a bloc with the All-Union Communist Party."

"We support the Bolshevik Party, the Party of Lenin and Stalin, be-

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BENJAMIN BUONOCORE

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The Gentlemen of the Press And the Elections in USSR

British and American Publishers Attack Most Democratic Election in History of World

By Harry Gannes

Among the capitalist press of the world there is a tacit gentlemen's agreement concerning national elections and estimates of capitalist democracy.

For example, nary a word is said in the British press about the disfranchisement in the American national elections of millions of Negroes, of millions of migratory workers, on land and sea, and of all the men in the armed forces.

Like the bourgeois press in the United States would not be so rude as to mention the most sensational and startling fact of British elections—that more than 300,000-000 natives out of an empire of 350,000,000 people are disfranchised and have not even a whisper in the determination of their political fate in the land of the Mother of Parliaments.

Obviously this gentlemen's agreement recently has a rider attached to it covering the Soviet Union which on Dec. 12 will hold its first elections under the new Stalin Constitution and the broadest and freest electoral laws ever conceived by mankind. The tacit understanding provides for a joint attempt to discredit, to smear and slander Socialist democracy in order to try to make the elections in the capitalist countries appear as the paragon of democracy in comparison.

That does not apply to the election in any capitalist country.

RIGHT OF RECALL

What is more, the people in the U. S. S. R. have the right of recall at any time.

To insure the democratic nature of the election, the law provides that the winning candidates must receive the absolute majority of the vote cast, and that at least 51 per cent of those eligible to vote must have voted before any candidate (even if he is the only one running) is elected.

Unable to direct a broadside against the Soviet elections, since their journalistic artillery is too vulnerable because of the election conditions in their own countries, the capitalist writers resort to sniping and potshots at the Soviet balloting.

Very little of the attack on the Soviet elections in the capitalist press is direct. Primarily and generally consists of skillful insinuation, innuendo and dark hints.

We shall deal concretely with some of the "arguments" and the insinuations. But first let us ask this question: Why cannot the capitalist press approach the question of the Soviet elections frankly and aboveboard? To do so it would have to discuss the fundamental class relations in the capitalist system and the victory of Socialism in the Soviet Union.

THE 80 FAMILIES

In capitalist elections the main point to consider is that the economic and most of the political life of the country is in the hands of the economic royalists. The 80 families of the U. S. have strongly entrenched themselves and control nearly the entire apparatus of creating public opinion: the press, radio and other means of propaganda.

While giving the appearance of the "free and secret" right of suffrage, the capitalists employ every trick, subterfuge and legal obstruction they can invent to prevent the people from expressing their will.

Turn to the Soviet Union. There, under the leadership of the Communist Party, capitalism and the degenerate structure of Czarism were overthrown. Under the guidance of Joseph Stalin Socialism was built. The toiling people came into their own. The entire machinery of production, distribution, culture, press, radio, meeting halls, schools, movies are all in the hands of the people.

Thus when one speaks of the character and application of the distinctive types of democracy and the electoral systems in the capitalist countries and the Soviet Union the historical, political and economic facts must be kept in mind.

ONLY ONE PARTY NEEDED

In the Soviet Union there is only one political party, the revolutionary party of the proletariat and peasantry. Why? Because in the Soviet Union the revolutionary struggle was one of the toilers against the exploiting classes which led to the successful erection of the dictatorship of the proletariat and the dictatorship of the toilers.

Since the objective of the revolutionary struggle in Russia was the creation of a classless society through the leadership of the workers, in alliance with the peasantry, only one party was needed to gain this objective.

Multiplicity of parties in the capitalist countries, allowed only insofar as the proletariat asserts its limited democratic rights, an arrangement sometimes destroyed when the need of the capitalist requires it and if the workers are not united in their defense, is a reflection of the class nature of capitalist society.

UNITY OF INTERESTS

Candidates in the Soviet Union are truly non-partisan, in that they are chosen whether members of the Communist Party or not, the only guide being their fitness for the position. Within the Soviet Union the unity of interest of the people on the basis of their Socialist achievements and aspirations for the higher development of their economy and culture create conditions whereby the best man is chosen for the job.

The revolutionary struggle in the Soviet Union was first of all a struggle to eliminate classes, exploitation of man by man, and the anarchy of capitalist economy. All of this was achieved. Socialism is today a fact in the U. S. S. R.

The question then arose of further extending Soviet democracy, already the highest form of revolutionary democracy, to meet the advanced political, economic and cultural conditions of the U. S. S. R. The first step was the adoption of the new Stalin Constitution.

THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution has no equal in human history. It is a record of the achieved fundamentals of a Socialist society, not a system in the offing, but an established fact. On the basis of this constitution, the new electoral laws were adopted.

Now let us see what "objections" the capitalist correspondents make viewing elections in a Socialist society through the befogged glasses

of bourgeois bias. The newspapers they work for are not after all, journalistic Diogenes, searching for the truth of Socialist superiority over capitalism. They are capitalist organs whose fervent aim is the maintenance of the capitalist system. No matter how honest the individual correspondent, he could not very long be useful to them if he took the side of history and reported the truth of Socialist progress.

Here, for example, is the type of sniping carried on. Harold Denny, N. Y. Times correspondent in the Dec. 9 issue of his paper intimates that there is no "secrecy" about the Soviet elections. The headline on the cable tells the general nature of the story: "Voters May Sign Ballot in Soviet. Authorities Announce It Will Be Legal Despite Emphasis on Secrecy of the Poll."

PRAYDA STATEMENT

Soviet workers who are voting for the first time may write their names on the ballot. They are not required to. In fact they are urged not to. Yet some may and will do it. The question arises. Should their ballots be counted as "void"? The election authorities counseled secrecy; and yet, they told voters if they did put their names on the ballot they would not be thrown out.

What is the interest of the Times correspondent in reporting this minor phase of the election? Let us not be naive. He insinuates that the Soviet authorities want the people to write in their names to check up on how they vote. And yet Pravda says so plainly that even a N. Y. Times anti-Soviet correspondent can read and understand.

"The secrecy of the ballot is fully guaranteed by our election law. It is not recommended that ballots be signed. But if the voter, having correctly filled out the ballot, signs his name to it, this in no wise violates the election law."

BARNES STORY

Joseph Barnes, N. Y. Herald Tribune correspondent in Moscow, meets the problem of "explaining" the elections by collecting all the gossip and theories he can garner and presents them to his readers as an "indictment" of Soviet democracy.

Yet Mr. Barnes' own story contains the answer to every one of his insinuations that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the revolutionary state structure, the dictatorship of the proletariat, on the basis of the new democracy, is taking the leading part in reaching the masses and in winning their overwhelming endorsement.

"I must admit," Mr. Barnes quotes Comrade Stalin as saying, "that the draft of a new constitution really does preserve the dictatorship of the working-class, just as it also preserves unchanged the present leading position of the Communist Party of the U. S. S. R. (and we can add, that the democratic electoral laws, the election campaign, the voting itself, all go to 'preserve' the dictatorship of the proletariat."—H. G.). If our esteemed critics regard this as a flaw, it is only to be regretted. We Bolsheviks regard it as a merit."

It must not be forgotten, either that the bourgeoisie of the whole world regarded the Great October Socialist Revolution 20 years ago as one of the worst "flaws" in history; and they have judged the development of Socialism as a "flaw" in world economy, as has Trotsky.

ON THE CANDIDATES

One of the "big" arguments of Mr. Harold Denny, one he never tires of reiterating, is that there are but few contests in the Soviet elections, the majority of the districts having only one candidate.

What does this signify? It is an expression of the general unity of the people in the U. S. S. R., their lack of basic difference, their general agreement with the Communist Party, and their approval of the choice of candidates who have passed the rigid test of Party examination.

Mr. Denny gave himself away when he said he expected a phony contest of two more or less equal candidates both approved by the Communist Party. When this staged kind of election did not come off, he called it "trickery."

A worker, especially a trade union member will full well understand the procedure of elections in the Soviet Union in electing nominees. The Soviet Union, which has ousted the bosses, can be regarded as one big union of all the people. Because of their unified interests, the people easily could agree upon a candidate. And yet this candidate can be rejected by the people in the secret balloting. Many nominees were chosen, but they defected to the generally agreed more qualified candidate.

TRADE UNIONS IN U. S.

On the question of a single generally-agreed upon nominee let us observe some examples in the American trade unions. In making

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cause we see in the Bolshevik Party our true guide and organizer, because only thanks to the leadership of the Bolshevik Party have the working masses of our country won a new and happy life and seen the triumph of Socialism.

The appeal recounts the stupendous victories chalked up by the working people in the 20 years that have followed the seizure of power by the revolutionary proletariat in October, 1917.

"In Czarist Russia," it says, "there was always a huge number of unemployed. The working day dragged out into 10, 12, 14 and even 16 hours. Wages were a mere pittance. Vacations were unthought of. Social insurance did not exist. In the U. S. S. R. the right to work, to rest, to education, to material security in one's old age and in event of loss of capacity to work has been established. In the U. S. S. R. we have the shortest working week. Wages of factory and office workers are mounting steadily.

"The Soviet state vigilantly protects the working conditions and health of the factory and office workers and engineers. This year about 10,000,000,000 rubles (\$200,000,000) have been spent on State and social insurance, on improving the everyday life of the people, for their cultural needs, on sanatoriums, health resorts and medical services.

"The factory and office workers receive a vacation of from two weeks to one month a year with full pay."

"Linking these achievements to the election, the appeal declares: 'All this we have won under the leadership of the Bolshevik Party. This is why all factory and office workers, all working people are steadfast supporters of the Party of Lenin and Stalin.'"

"In Czarist Russia, science, literature and art were not accessible to the working people," the appeal continues. "In the U. S. S. R. the doors of institutions of learning are open wide to the working people. Tens of thousands of clubs, cinemas and other cultural institutions have been built.

"From the masses of the people there are constantly emerging talented people who enjoy the care and attention of the Bolshevik Party and the Soviet Government. 'Woman in Czarist Russia, science, literature and art were not accessible to the working people,' the appeal continues. 'In the U. S. S. R. the doors of institutions of learning are open wide to the working people. Tens of thousands of clubs, cinemas and other cultural institutions have been built.

"The appeal ends: 'The All-Union Central Council of Trade Unions appeals to you united and unitedly to elect the Communist Party, the Party of Lenin and Stalin, to the Supreme Soviet of the U. S. S. R.'"

Haiti Strikes Subside—See New Outbreaks

Walkout Extended from School Boys to Taxi Cab Drivers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 9. —The strike movement that swept Haiti after the massacre of 200 Haitians in the neighboring Dominican Republic has subsided, but another outbreak of mass resentment is likely, a check-up showed here today.

The strike extended from school-boys medical students to taxi drivers. Though a surface normality has returned, the people are still infuriated by the mass murder of thousands of workers and countrymen across the frontier by the uniformed thugs of tyrannical President Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic.

Seven California Areas Now Over Top in Drive

Fresno Latest to Complete Quota—Washington Advancing Fast—Coast May Score Complete Victory Over Midwest

Another California county has gone over the top, and two more above 90 per cent, in the Daily Western Worker financial drive.

Seven California areas have now completed their quotas. The latest to reach its goal was Fresno—which went from 60 per cent last week, to 100 per cent, and is in second place in the district. Tulare and Sonoma are the counties which jumped across the 90 per cent line. Each gained more than 10 per cent in a week.

In addition, California boasts of still two more cities over 80 per cent.

AND HOW!

The state has reached \$27,720 of its \$30,000 mark—or 92 per cent. If the creeping districts in the drive for a Midwest People's Day will pardon us, that's showing 'em! While the Midwest districts are still ambling along, perhaps having forgotten that their paper is scheduled to make its appearance in

Slain Dancer



JEAN DE KOVEN

'Bluebeard' Killer Slays N. Y. Dancer

German Admits Killing of Brooklyn Girl and Four Others

PARIS, Dec. 9 (UP).—A new "Bluebeard" confessed today to five murders, including that of Miss Jean De Koven, 30-year-old tap dancer from Brooklyn.

He was lodged in a cell of the Versailles Prison next to the one occupied by "Bluebeard" Henri Desre Landru before the latter was guillotined for the murder of ten women and a boy.

The latest mass killer identified himself as George Weidmann, who left Germany to escape military service. He killed for money. It was an insignificant sum, totaling 18,400 francs (\$625) and \$500 in travelers' checks that he got from Miss De Koven.

TRAPPED BY CARD

He was trapped after an amazing piece of detective work by the French police, who kept on the trail for five months and finally "broke" the case with the slenderest of clues, merely a calling card on which was written "Herr Schott."

In ancient Versailles prison, a few miles outside Paris and near the gardens and palace of the French kings, detectives questioned Weidmann and were amazed by his calm, methodical revelations. They called him the "new Bluebeard."

In addition to Miss De Koven, admitted victims were Raymond Lesobre, a real estate renting agent, Roger Leblond, Arthur Frommer, a German, and Frommer's chauffeur, Jean Couffy.

Miss De Koven was Weidmann's first victim. She was killed July 23. Leblond followed her to the death villa—had an appointment to discuss the financing of a theatrical venture, he was planning—and was killed Oct. 17.

Couffy was the next victim. He was killed near Orleans on the Lamotte-Beuvron Road.

Then came Frommer, who was killed in the villa Nov. 22.

A week later Lesobre was shot behind the left ear by a prospective tenant for the Saint Cloud Villa for which he was the renting agent.

TRACE "SCHOTT"

The mass murderer slipped in his final crime. In approaching Lesobre he presented a calling card, Lesobre put it in his pocket and it was seized upon by detectives as a clue when the body was found.

The card said "Herr Schott." Police traced Schott, a German, to Nice, then to Strasbourg. He recalled having given his card to Weidmann, a friend of his nephew, Frommer who was to become one of Weidmann's victims.

Within a few days detectives had identified Weidmann as the man who called himself a German engineer and used the name of Siegfried Sauerbrei and lived in the isolated villa in Saint Cloud. Yesterday police inspectors Poignant and Bourguin knocked on the door. Weidmann answered, instantly drew a revolver, wounding both, but so slightly that they knocked him over a divan and quickly subdued him with their fists.

Women March Saturday to Push Boycott on Japanese Goods

Anti-Silk Parade Will Conclude with Rally in Columbus Circle

Peace—Boycott Japan will be blazoned across the sky Saturday afternoon when New York's women peace crusaders march up Lexington Ave.

While an I.W.O. Aviation Club plane flies its legend of peace high above them, women from every walk of life will gather at 30th St. and Lexington post to demonstrate in an anti-silk parade that American women can and will stop paying for Japanese bullets.

The Anti-Silk Parade is the first all woman procession to be seen in New York since the days of the suffragettes in Saturday's demonstration.

LEADERS TO SPEAK

There will be a fife, drum and bugle corps to sound the militant note of the parade, bright banners and illustrated posters, and a galaxy of pretty feminine legs adorned only by cotton or wool hose.

At Columbus Circle, after a march up Lexington Ave. and across 57th St. there will be a rally at which a number of prominent women will speak.

Professor Mary Dublin of Sarah Lawrence College, Jennie McNair, a former Chinese missionary, Eleanor Brannen, executive secretary of the American League for Peace and Democracy, Helen Holman, a leader of Negro women, Mrs. Maxwell Stewart, wife of the Associated Editor of the Nation, and M. K. Li of Columbia University, will address the rally.

COMMUNISTS WIN PHILA. HALL RIGHTS

Lenin Memorial Will Be Held in City Auditorium

(Daily Worker Eastern Pa. Bureau)

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9. — The Communist Party of Philadelphia today won the right to use the Philadelphia Municipal Convention Hall, seating 20,000 for its Lenin Memorial meeting.

Pat Toohy, organizer for the Eastern Pennsylvania district of the Party and member of its Central Committee testified for more than one hour before the three judges of Common Pleas Court No. 5 which in its order completely reversed the first decision of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, exhibition and convention hall.

The board had denied the Communist Party the use of the Municipal hall on the grounds that the Lenin Memorial meeting would not be of "sufficient public interest."

CITES BROWDER REPORT

James Francis Ryan, attorney for the Board questioned Toohy closely on the "international character of the Communist Party" contending that the Communist advocates force and violence and that most important of all, the members of the Communist Party are not Americans.

Toohy answered the assertions by reading from Earl Browder's report to the ninth convention of the Communist Party U. S. A. on force and violence in which Browder says, "The Communist Party is now a conspiratorial organization, it is an open revolutionary party, continuing the traditions of 1776 and 1861; it is the only organization that is really entitled by its program and work to designate itself as sons and daughters of the American Revolution."

"Communists are not anarchists, not terrorists. The Communist Party is a legal party and defends its legality. Prohibition of advocacy of force and violence does not apply to the Communist Party; it is applied only to the Black Legion, the Ku Klux Klan, and other fascist groupings, and to the strikebreaking agencies and the open-shop employers who use them against the working class, who are responsible for the terrible toll of violence which shames our country."

RED-BAITING ATTACK

Ryan unleashed so vicious a red-baiting attack on Toohy who spoke of the Party's opposition to the present manufacturers' crisis which was impoverishing the nation, as an example of the thing the Party fights against, that the Republican court found it necessary to call Ryan to task by insisting that the only issue at stake was whether or not the Communist Party would hold a "peaceful gathering." Following is the text of the decision:

"And now, December 9, 1937, after hearing the evidence presented in this case, it is ordered that mandamus issue as prayed for and that the defendants be directed to rent to the convention hall to the plaintiff at the ordinary rental for similar events on a date in the third week of January, 1938, or as close thereto as will not conflict with present commitments."

It is signed by Judge Smith who with Judges Alessandrini and Lamberton heard the case.

Louis McCabe represented the Communist Party.

Political and liberal circles see a smashing blow at reaction delivered by the decision.

Japan Boycott Is Growing on Broadway

Actresses in Cast of 'Many Mansions' Support Women's Ban on Goods Made in Japan and Back Anti-Silk March

Women members of the cast of "Many Mansions," playing now on Broadway, are actively supporting the Anti-Silk Parade on Saturday, in which women will show their determination to back the boycott against Japanese goods.

Here's what these Broadway actresses, like the members of the cast of "The Women," have to say about the broad, widespread movement among women to aid the Chinese people by refusing to purchase products made in Japan.

GRETCHEN DAVIDSON

"Every self-supporting man and woman in the U. S. should boycott every product that comes out of Japan. I would like nothing better than to see the Japanese millarials wiped off the map. Three cheers for the cast of 'The Women' who have set the pace in a style that Broadway will like."

"I certainly will support the boycott by seeing to it that none of my wearing apparel is made of Japanese silk."

"The Anti-Silk Parade Saturday is one of the best means of spreading the boycott. The only thing that prevents me from being there is a matinee performance."

FLORA CAMPBELL

"I will do all I can to shake Japan by the teeth. There are three children for whom I am going to buy gifts this Christmas. I understand that most toys come from Japan. There will be no Japanese labels on the toys these kids will get from me."

"The Daily Worker has done a wonderfully grand job in publicizing the endorsements of these wonderful women."

"The Anti-Silk Parade is a crackjack idea. If I could, I certainly would march in the parade."

PAULA MILLER

"I believe the best way I can show my stand on the boycott is by being an active member of the Theater Arts Committee, which is one of the most active groups sponsoring the Anti-Silk Parade Saturday."

"I feel that my professional standing will in no way bar me from wearing substitutes for silk. As rapidly as my silk clothing runs out, I am replacing with clothing of any material other than silk."

HILDA RIES

"My experience has been that sheer little stockings often look

better than silk, especially with sport clothes.

"The Anti-Silk Parade is one of the most dramatic methods I can think of in spreading the boycott. I am going to march until it is time for my appearance on the stage, and eagerly expect to see many other actresses marching also."

Czechs Negotiate With U. S. for Trade Agreement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (UP).— Formal negotiation of a reciprocal trade pact between Czechoslovakia and the United States began today in the office of Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

A Czech trade delegation headed by Minister Vladimir Hurban and including advisors of the ministries of foreign affairs, commerce and finance conferred lengthily with Hull.

The meeting followed public hearings conducted by United States officials to ascertain the views of American Commercial interests regarding such a pact.

Anti-Fascist Forum to Hear Marcantonio On Democracy

The final lecture in this year's Forum series of the Anti-Fascist Literature Committee which has been conducted at the Labor Stage, will hear Vito Marcantonio, this Friday evening, Dec. 10th at 8:30 P. M. Labor Stage is located at 30th St. West of Sixth Ave.

Speaking on the same platform with Marcantonio, will be Carl Randau, President Newspaper Guild of New York. The subject is: "The Menace to Peace and Democracy in the U. S."

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Conference on Living Costs To Hear Federal Program

Jackson to Tell Consumer Parley Saturday What Steps U.S. May Take to Protect Buying Power of People

Steps the Government may take to protect consumer buying power through tightening of the anti-trust laws, will be discussed by Robert A. Jackson, Assistant Attorney-General, Saturday evening at the climax of a two-day conference—under the auspices of the Consumers National Federation at the Meeting House of the Ethical Culture Society, 2 West 64th St.

Jackson's address will be given following an open forum of consumers and representatives of various organizations. They will testify as to the effect of living costs on their standards of living, and a "panel" of outstanding citizens will make recommendations against increases in living costs.

Helen Hall, chairman of the Consumers National Federation and administrator of the Henry Street Settlement, will speak on "Organizing the Consumer."

Those who will testify as to living costs at the afternoon session will include a farmer, an East Side tenant, a high school student, a lawyer, a housewife, and other typical consumers.

EXPERTS TO GIVE DATA

Their testimony will be supported by introduction of facts and figures by various experts such as Mrs. Frances Gannon, Deputy Commissioner of Markets, Bureau of Weights and Measures; Donald E. Montgomery, Consumers Counsel of the A.A.A.; Charles Abrams, former

counsel of the New York Housing Authority; Alec Downes, Director, Vacancy Listing Bureau of W.P.A.; Mrs. Louise K. Addis, Consultant in Home Economics, Charity Organization Society, and others.

The panel, consisting of Stanley M. Isaacs, Borough President-elect of Manhattan; Mrs. Elmore M. Herrick, Regional Director, NLRB; Professor Herman Gray, of New York University; the Reverend John Howard Lathrop, Church of the Savior, Brooklyn; Mrs. Genevieve B. Earle, Councilwoman-elect; and others, will cross-examine the witnesses during the afternoon and at the outset of the evening gathering, present recommendations for consumer activity in relation to the cost of living.

A meeting of representatives of the participating organizations on Sunday, Dec. 12, will deliberate courses of action to be pursued in line with the recommendations of the panel.

More than 150 civic, labor, consumer and welfare organizations, ranging from the United Neighborhood House and the New York Urban League to the National Board of the YWCA, the Welfare Council of New York City's Housing Council, the Milk Consumers Protective Committee, the Consumers League, the Compulsory Tenants League, and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, are sponsoring the forum, in addition to more than 300 leaders from various sections of public interest.

16 Midwest Oil Firms to Face Anti-Trust Charge

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 9 (UP).—Judge Patrick T. Stone today granted a motion for dismissal of anti-trust charges against another individual defendant and then announced that the government was entitled to have the jury decide the fate of the remaining 16 major Midwest oil companies and 37 executives.

He approved a motion for dismissal of the criminal charges of conspiracy to fix gasoline prices against R. O. Audrain, Tulsa, Okla., buyer for Tidewater Associated Oil Co., reducing the number of individual defendants to 37.

Charges against three others were dismissed Dec. 7. Twenty-three companies, three trade publications and more than 50 individual defendants were indicted. The government later dismissed its case against the trade publications and others were dismissed by the court.

Judge Stone said "the defense may, if necessary seek the same objectives that they have sought in their motion for directed verdicts, but in the present state of the record, the court is of the opinion that the government is entitled to have the issues submitted to the jury."

YCL Mother-Daughter Banquet Saturday In Philadelphia YW

(Daily Worker Eastern Pa. Bureau) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Loretta Starr, a National Council member of the YCL, will speak at a Mother-Daughter banquet given by the YCL of Philadelphia on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 8:30 P.M.

The banquet will be held at the southwest Y.W.C.A., 1605 Catherine St.

"Enclosed find \$5.00," writes Charles Faupel, of Chicago, Ill., making his contribution to the Midwest People's Daily.

Penniless Old Farmer Sacrifices Eye To Youngster in Rare Operation

(By United Press) NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9.—An heroic gesture of friendship and a rare surgical operation was revealed today.

An old man of 68 gave his left eye to a young man of 19.

Surgeons at charity hospital removed one of John Wesley Amos' eyes and transplanted it to the left eye of Frank Chabina. It will be eight days before they'll be able to tell whether the operation was successful.

Chabina, a farmer's son from Albany, La., dropped a sack of lime on June 2, 1935, and the rising dust burned his left eye. It healed but scar tissue was left on the cornea, which threatened to become infected and to affect the right. There were only two remedies—to graft new tissue onto the eye ball or to remove it surgically.

He waited the hospital six weeks ago because a young surgeon there, who, for ethical reasons, insisted that he remain unidentified, had been performing some remarkable eye operations. In three months he had successfully grafted the cornea from the eyes of dead men into the eyes of living negroes. Tissue from a dead man, however, would not have been of service in Chabina's case, and he was put into a ward

MINN. PROBE OF CORCORAN DEATH HALTED

County Attorney Trying to Avoid Inquiry into Gangsterism

By Harry Raymond (Daily Worker Staff Correspondent) MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 9.—The Grand Jury called to investigate the murder of Patrick J. Corcoran, Drivers Union official, was sent home today by County Attorney Ed Goff, who announced it would not reconvene until Dec. 20.

With Ed and Al Pirotto, alleged Chicago gunmen and associates of the Trotskyites in Drivers Union 544, held for trial on Dec. 15 on first degree assault charges growing out of a gun attack on a Carpenter Union leader, the Republican County Attorney was seen by progressive unionists as trying to avoid any further probe into gangsterism.

Joseph Bellini, former Chicago contractor and "organizer" in Local 544, was released from jail today following a hearing on a writ of habeas corpus. William Mauech, organizer of the Mechanics and Machinists Union, C.I.O., had charged Bellini threatened his life.

WHITEWASH FEARED

Ed Pirotto was held in \$5,500 bail and his brother Al in \$3,500 by Judge Arthur Selover, although Goff said yesterday he had secured three additional "secret indictments." It was revealed today that only two more indictments were returned by the jury, one against Frank Huber and another against a Chicago man named "Mohler," who, witnesses said, pulled guns last May on Hal Smith, gasoline station attendant.

They were indicted for carrying concealed weapons. Neither of the men are in custody.

Indictment of the Pirottos came only after progressive trade unionists, civic leaders, Farmer-Laborists and Communists demanded action against the two men, whom witnesses before the Grand Jury called "gangsters" and whom the Trotskyist Dunne brothers called "organizers."

Fearing the County Attorney was preparing to whitewash gangsterism in the labor movement and turn his "investigation" against honest unionists, the Hennepin County Industrial Union Council, C.I.O., announced today it had adopted a resolution urging Governor Benson to find a "Minnesota Dewey" to conduct an investigation into gangsterism in the labor movement.

The resolution appealed to the LaFollette Senate Civil Liberties Committee to step in and probe thuggery in the Twin Cities.

Cacchione to Speak In Phila. Sunday

(Daily Worker Eastern Pa. Bureau) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 9.—Peter V. Cacchione, anti-fascist Italian leader and world war veteran will speak on "The Future of American Politics" Sunday evening, December 12th, 8:15 P.M., under the auspices of the People's Forum.

Cacchione, running for councilman on the Communist ticket in Brooklyn last month, was counted out by 245 votes on the last day of the tabulation of the sensational P. R. election which took almost a month to count and is now demanding a recount.

The Daily Worker financial drive has received \$11 from B. Gogos, of Durham, N. C.

to await an "eye-donor."

There he met Amos, a destitute farmer and carpenter, who had been in the hospital three months because of a bad heart, and who felt that he was nearing the end of his span. Other patients in the ward found him grumpy and left him alone, but Chabina talked with him by the hour, patiently listened to the story of his life, and sympathized with his misfortunes.

Two weeks ago Amos heard for the first time that Chabina's sight depended upon a living person giving him an eye. He called doctors.

GOOD TO HIM

"Frank's been very good to me," he said. "Not many young fellows would bother to cheer up an old man like the way Frank's done. If you figure one of my eyes can help Frank see, I want you to take my eye and give it to him."

Yesterday Amos was taken into the operating room. After he had been put under ether, the young surgeon severed the eye muscles and exposed the eyeball. The eye ball was then put in a sterile solution of salt water, sodium citrate, and adrenalin. It took 50 minutes. Chabina was brought in. He was given only a local anesthetic. Instruments propped the lid back and a delicate trephine, a circular "doughnut cutter" instrument but

Cops Jail Ford Organizers



About 60 members of the United Automobile Workers were arrested when the union again attempted to distribute leaflets to the workers in the River Rouge plant. Chief of Police enforced a ruling which termed the section where the leaflets were being distributed a "congested area." Photo shows union member being arrested by Dearborn policeman.

Wisconsin Challenges Minnesota in Midwest Drive for New Daily

Badger State Goes Over \$1,000 Mark at Parley on New Party Members—Chicago Carriers Plan Conference to Build Paper

(Special to the Daily Worker) MILWAUKEE, Dec. 9.—Wisconsin sent an official challenge to Minnesota to complete its quota in the drive for the Midwest Daily first, at a meeting of 80 new members of the Communist Party and 40 Party builders held at the Republican Hotel here.

The Wisconsin collections for the drive went over the \$1,000 mark at this meeting, on a quota of \$2,500 for the paper.

This was made possible by the turning in of \$160.50 at the meeting, bringing the total raised by Wisconsin to \$1,048.50.

Louis F. Budenz, who has been named editor-in-chief of the Midwest Daily Record, emphasized that such a daily can make a fight against the mounting attacks of Big Business against everything progressive in the Middle West.

CARRIERS MEET TO BACK NEW DAILY

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Carriers and unemployed and partly employed trade unionists, who met last Saturday to organize for the distribution of the Midwest Daily Record, will meet again next Saturday, Dec. 11. Reports will then be received as to the success attained by those who attended the last meeting, in their pledge to reach 550 people during this week and to enlist the interests of these people in becoming subscribers and supporters of the new daily.

Next Saturday's meeting will be held at 2 P.M. on the third floor of the L.L.G.W.U. Hall, 174 N. Franklin St.

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Auto Crash Victim With Serious Injury Ousted by Hospital

Brooklyn Resident Told to 'Get Out' When He Refuses to Sign Paper He Can't Read—Suffered Possible Fractured Skull

(Continued from page 1)

scious. The first thing I knew was when I woke up in the emergency room and the doctor was stitching me up.

"They took me up stairs and put me to bed. A nurse came in with a paper and said 'sign this.' I told her I was in no condition to read the paper, that I did not know what she was asking me to sign and begged her to let me sleep for an hour.

"Sign it or you go home," she said.

"I told her again I couldn't sign it. 'There's your clothes,' she said, pointing to a pile on the floor. 'Get out.'

"I don't know how I ever did it but I knew I was in a bad way. I was soaked with blood. I stumbled across the street to a garage and somebody drove me home."

"LOOKED LIKE GHOST"

Perhaps Benjamin Buonocore owes his life to the friendly automobile mechanic who put him in a service car and drove him to his residence. A bystander at the garage who saw the frail, blood-streaked man stagger from the hospital in the downpour told the Daily Worker:

"He looked like a ghost. I thought he was going to die before we could get him into the car."

According to Harry Fink, restaurant counterman of 465 W. 46th St., Manhattan, who was being treated for a lacerated hand in the emergency room when Buonocore was admitted, internes said Buonocore should not be released from the hospital.

"When I left," Fink said, "I thought he had been put to bed. I was amazed to learn that he had been released."

Buonocore's story was corroborated by Seymour Fabian, 24, of 86 Bay 29th St., who was less seriously hurt in the same accident but who had a similar experience at the hospital.

Fabian suffered a lacerated eye. "I fainted when the doctor began working on my eye, but when I came to I heard him tell the nurse to give him some horsehair to sew up the wound with. 'We haven't got any horsehair,' the nurse said. 'Then we don't sew him up,' the doctor said."

Harbor hospital is so located that it must serve a district with a population of approximately 150,000 people. Nearest hospitals equipped for general emergency service are three or more miles distant. The Harbor hospital can accommodate

I Dead, Another Badly Injured in Tug Explosion

One man was killed and another was injured critically yesterday in an explosion in the boiler room of the tug Invincible near the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Frank Zuluwaki, 50, 1884 Woodbine St., Ridgewood, Queens, died in Cumberland Hospital shortly after the explosion. He was fireman of the tug which belonged to the Brooklyn Eastern Terminal Co.

only 90 patients. It possesses only one ambulance, a machine of ancient vintage, furnished by the city.

DIED DUE TO DELAY

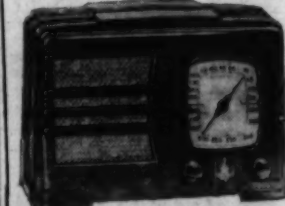
Sidney Shimmans, co-proprietor of a dress shop at 2145 86th St., Brooklyn, told the Daily Worker he witnessed the death of a woman in an automobile accident a few years ago due to ambulance delay.

The woman had been struck by a car only a few blocks from the hospital, Mr. Shimmans said.

"The ambulance was over 30 minutes in arriving. The woman had died when the machine finally limped to the scene."

Shimmans took the initiative yesterday in organizing an appeal to the city for more adequate hospital facilities for the neighborhood.

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NEXT STEPS IN DEFENSE OF THE SPANISH REPUBLIC

An Address
By EARL BROWDER

The following is the text of an address given last night at the Hippodrome by Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, before a meeting of C. P. functionaries of New York State on "The Next Steps in Defense of the Spanish Republic." I. Amiel, New York State Organizer, presided.

Comrades:

The purpose of this meeting tonight is to launch the campaign for 50,000 members of the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion, to provide the necessary minimum of support to our boys in Spain and to re-establish in their normal occupations as nearly as possible those who are returning. It is a central part of our whole great campaign in support of the Spanish Republic against the invading armies of Hitler and Mussolini with their Moorish mercenaries. In order to understand fully the importance of this task, why it must be fully carried through at all costs, we must constantly keep before us the meaning of Spain in the world situation and in relation to our own country. We must constantly renew our understanding of this struggle in its latest developments. Tonight, therefore, let us honor our American boys who are serving in Spain, and the memory of our heroes who gave their lives there by speaking of the high and noble cause in which we are all enlisted with them.

The war in Spain is a part of the world-wide offensive of fascism against all peace-loving and democratic peoples. It is directly connected with the war in China, invaded by the Japanese fascist military clique in power. Both the Spanish and Chinese peoples are conducting a defensive war against aggressors. By their struggles they are defending the cause of peace of the whole world against the violators of world peace—Germany, Italy, and Japan. They are conducting a national liberation war against foreign bandits. The Spanish people are fighting for their liberty, for their democratic Republic, against foreign intervention. The Chinese people are fighting for the right to be masters of their own house, for the reorganization of the political order of China along democratic lines.

If German and Italian fascism are victorious in Spain, and Japan crushes China, this will surely open up a series of wars of conquest and aggression on the part of the insolent fascist states all over the world. Already they have invaded the Americas, have seized Brazil, have massacred 8,000 Haitians right on our doorstep, are taking over Cuba, and are preparing an armed insurrection in Mexico against the Cardenas Republic. Their victory would mean an immediate Hitler attack against Austria, Czechoslovakia, Belgium and Denmark; it would mean the fascist encirclement of France, and war against her; it would mean the further extension of Mussolini's rule in the Mediterranean, and his further penetration into Africa; it would mean converting China into a Japanese colony, and an immediate menace to French Indo-China, India, Australia, and the Philippines. It would mean a general war of the so-called "Anti-Communist" Alliance for the redhibition of the world. It would mean war against the Soviet Union—the bulwark of peace, liberty, and socialism. It would mean the quick rise of a powerful fascist movement in the United States,

with the force of Wall Street's money behind it.

These are the inevitable results of a fascist victory in Spain and China. Therefore the struggle against the German and Italian intervention in Spain, and the Japanese invasion of China, is a struggle for maintaining peace in the world; it is a struggle for the self-defense of the peoples of every land in their own countries. It is a struggle to preserve the United States itself from the horrors of fascism and war.

Therefore the people of the United States have not only the duty of human solidarity, but more immediately of self-interest, to do everything possible to bring about the victory of the Spanish Republic and of the Chinese people. All working class parties and organizations, all honest democrats, all lovers of peace and liberty, cannot help but want such a victory, cannot help but support it and organize it. And this is true, above all, for the Communists.

Tonight I will concentrate my attention upon Spain. There is a danger of the news from China pushing Spain into the background. By helping to strike a telling blow against the fascists in Spain we will weaken not only Hitler, Mussolini and Franco, but at the same moment the Japanese militarists whose fortunes rise or fall with those of the European fascists. In Spain the necessity of our help is pressing and immediate, and decisive in determining the outcome.

AIMS OF THE CAMPAIGN IN DEFENSE OF REPUBLICAN SPAIN

The Spanish Republic is fully capable of settling accounts with Franco and the Spanish fascists in a few months, if the foreign armies are withdrawn and outside aid to Franco is stopped. The aim of our campaign is, therefore, to put a stop to the aid being given Franco; direct aid on the part of the fascist powers, and indirect aid on the part of the non-fascist powers.

This means we must demand and fight for the stoppage of military aid to Franco; withdrawal of the German and Italian navies from Spanish waters, withdrawal of their armies from Spanish territory, putting an end to the piracy of German and Italian submarines operating under Franco's flag; stopping the supply of arms, munitions, airplanes, etc. This means the stoppage of economic and "financial" aid; no loans, credits, or trade with Franco. This means the stoppage of diplomatic aid to Franco; no recognition of the Franco government, no sending of diplomatic representatives, no negotiations, no recognition of belligerent rights toward which the British Tory government is moving, thus selling out the Spanish Republic in a horse-trade with the fascists. This means the stoppage of political aid; brand as treason to democracy and peace all defense of Franco in the press and in Congress, all justifying of Franco and all discrediting of Spain and its government. This means stopping all indirect aid to Franco that results from the policy of "neutrality" and "non-intervention," which in reality create a privileged position for Franco, and leads to blockading Republican Spain. This means to fight against anything which, directly or indirectly, lends strength to the German and Italian interventionists.



EARL BROWDER

This means giving up the splitting policy of the Socialist Party and the Second International which helps Franco by its systematic refusal of unity of action and by its shelter of the Trotskyite-fascist "fifth column" which stabs the Spanish Republic in the back.

All of our practical work in behalf of Republican Spain has the greater aim of arousing the American people to a realization of the horrible peace and democracy by the fascists, to a realization that if the influence of the United States is not used to help stop these crimes quickly, then we may be suffering the same horrors before long. Our country is the most rich and powerful in the world; it is intolerable that our peace-loving and democratic people should allow its influence to be on Franco's side, directly or indirectly.

SMASH THE DEFEATIST PROPAGANDA

American newspapers, notoriously reactionary, have in the past weeks been particularly vicious in their propaganda designed to convince their readers that defeatism in Spain is doomed to defeat, and that therefore all help to Spain is useless, and that it would be better to come to terms with Franco. This campaign of defeatism, conceived in Berlin and Rome, and carried out through London, has found willing helpers in the corrupt daily press of our country. It is so persistent and powerful that it sometimes even affects honest class-conscious workers, makes them pessimistic and passive—which is exactly what its sponsors intended.

In truth there is no reason for pessimism. One year ago the situation was indeed desperate. The Republic, without an army and with only the hastily-gathered and unorganized volunteers armed in the most haphazard fashion, stood with its back to the wall. Madrid had barely been saved by the timely appearance of the International Brigade. When our first contingent of American boys arrived in Spain, on Christmas Day last year, they still found chaos and confusion, with the organization of the regular army and the unified command, long fought for by the Spanish Communist Party, still to be achieved only six months later. The heroic stand at Jarama, the glorious victory at Guadalajara, in February and March, were still in the period when the Spanish People's Army was still only in the making, and they were won largely by iron will and bare flesh. But last summer, the victory of Brunete was

already the achievement of an organized and equipped army under a single command. The reorganization of the government in May was the turning point with the establishment of the program for victory over fascism and the crushing of the repulsive "fifth column" behind the fronts. Today the Republic has an army of half a million heroic Spaniards, fighting for liberty, offered by veterans, and thanks to the Soviet Union, no longer with empty hands. And not the least element of strength of the Spanish Republic, the Communist Party has grown to 350,000 members, the Socialist Party has also grown largely, and both parties are solidly united behind the government and moving toward amalgamation into a single party.

No, there is no reason for pessimism or defeatist moods. If we in America, and the workers in other capitalist lands but do our part, the Spanish Republic is equipped as never before for its glorious role of crushing the head of the fascist cobra.

THE TROTSKYITE WRECKERS AND THEIR SOCIALIST PROTECTORS

One important guarantee of victory of Republican Spain is its firm hand in suppressing the Trotskyist - POUM agents of Franco, the most dangerous part of the infamous "fifth column" behind the Republican lines. One year ago, they even had their representatives within the government and enjoyed full freedom of action for their treasonable and wrecking work. But when in May they resorted to armed insurrection against the Republic, and built barricades in the streets of Barcelona, they revealed themselves once for all in their true role of agents and helpers of fascism. It was one of Caballero's greatest crimes that, while Premier, he dalled with these criminals and even took them under his protection. But today they are officially recognized enemies of the Republic and of the people.

In the United States we have witnessed the shameful spectacle of Norman Thomas, head of the Socialist Party, rushing to the defense of the Trotskyite wreckers in Spain, the traitors who took up arms against the Government headed by the Socialist Party of Spain. He sent his agent, a certain Mr. Sam Baron, from New York to Spain on a conspiratorial mission to the Trotskyites, equipped with secret codes and other paraphernalia of espionage. And when Mr. Baron was very properly and promptly apprehended and locked up, Norman Thomas further disgraced the name of the Socialist Party by organizing public demonstrations against the Spanish Republic in defense of which Spanish Socialists are laying down their lives, together with our boys of the Lincoln Battalion, and the whole Spanish people. When Mr. Baron was expelled from Spain, his first act on arriving in France was to give the capitalist press a story predicting and threatening the downfall of the Spanish Republic.

It should therefore not surprise us when we see Norman Thomas lined up with Hearst and the Catholic hierarchy, with the Trotskyites, Lovestonites, and the Hitler-pacifists (those who echo Hitler that sanctions mean war), in the most bitter denunciation against any attempt to bring the United States into concerted in-

ternational efforts to maintain peace and defend democracy. When President Roosevelt made his famous Chicago speech, cutting loose from isolation and neutrality, and calling for concerted action to quarantine the aggressor powers, Norman Thomas stood in the front ranks with the worst reactionaries and the Trotskyites in denouncing this courageous peace policy as a policy of war.

THE STRUGGLE FOR SPAIN IS A STRUGGLE FOR IMPLEMENTING ROOSEVELT'S CHICAGO SPEECH

Today everything we do in behalf of Spain becomes a part of the effort to organize the majority of the people to demand and secure the putting into effect of the policies laid down by the President in Chicago.

Roosevelt's speech was in itself a powerful blow against the fascist warmakers. As witness to that fact we have the howls of hate and rage that came from Berlin, Rome, and Tokio. As further witness, the joy with which the speech was received by the Spanish people and the Chinese people. And there is information that the Chicago speech, coming at the moment when the Polish fascists were pressing for complete fasciation of the Polish state and alignment with Hitler, heartened the Polish anti-fascists sufficiently to defeat at least for a time this conspiracy. Roosevelt has greatly encouraged and strengthened the embattled democratic forces of the world. For that he must be given full credit.

But a speech is not enough. Its policy must be worked out in deeds, it must be implemented, it is not enough merely to be pronounced. And for this it must have behind it the conscious and organized support of the majority of the people, and through their influence, the majority of Congress.

Above all the infamous Neutrality Law, and its application against Republican Spain, must be fundamentally amended. A sharp distinction must be drawn between the aggressor and his victim, the aggressor must feel the full weight of American economic and moral influence turned against him, and the victim must be given the full economic and moral support of our country.

This is the task of the day, and toward this are now turning the great currents of popular thought and feeling, which must be organized and made effective. In Congress the most realistic grappling with this problem is the introduction by Representative Jerry J. O'Connell of Montana of a "Peace Act," a revised version of the Neutrality Act which incorporates all the central features of Roosevelt's Chicago speech. There is also a Resolution introduced by Representative Lewis of Maryland providing for an embargo on Japan. These two measures, supplementing one another, provide the legislative point to head up the mass campaign for an effective peace policy, which will be the most effective help to Republican Spain and to China.

WHO REALLY SUPPORTS DEMOCRACY?

Defense of Republican Spain furnishes the acid-test as to who really and seriously supports democracy, now when it is threatened everywhere with destruction at the hands of fascism.

All true democrats everywhere are giving all their strength to helping Spain and cutting off help

to Hitler and Mussolini. Ask about every leader and every group, where they stand on the practical problems of Spain, and the answer infallibly gives their real character in relation to democracy.

The Communists are everywhere steadfastly in the forefront in the defense of Spain. This is a part of our whole line in defense of democracy and peace. It is applied to the defense of democracy in the United States.

Only recently I had occasion to take note that President Roosevelt had expressed a fear that democracy may also be threatened from the side of the workingclass, as he expressed it, in some vague form of proletarian dictatorship. In the answer to that position, I summed up the Communist view in words I want to repeat here. I said:

"The Communist Party repudiates now as in the past all theories and proposals looking toward a forcible imposition of socialism or any steps upon the majority of the people. We repudiate the 'reckless resolve to seize power' by any minority. If there should arise in America anything similar to the situation in Spain, where the democratic Republic while repulsing the fascist invasion was stabbed in the back by the 'uncontrollable extremists' (a minority of the anarchists and the Trotskyite POUM) then we, like our brothers of the Spanish Communist Party, would be in the forefront to suppress such 'extremists' who are really agents of fascism, and render them harmless."

"The Communist Party represents a strong and growing force to support and help every progressive tendency in American political life, and in no case to distract the progressive people from their fight against the reactionaries and fascists."

When the United States Government, through its Congress, shamefully broke all its treaty obligations with the Spanish Republic and imposed a blockade against it, solely on the ground that it was in trouble and suffering invasion, this was a demonstration that the U.S. Congress, in its present composition, is a very unreliable support for democracy.

When the British Tory Government tries, as it is now doing, to force upon the Spanish Government a compromise with Franco which would smash the national unity of Spain, only in order that the British may trade Spanish interests to Hitler and Mussolini to advance British interests, this only proves how the British Tory Government is no support for democracy, but belongs in the enemy camp.

When the British Labor Party drags along at the tail of the Tory Government, does nothing to rouse the country against it, and acquiesces in the betrayal of the Spanish Republic, this only proves that the leadership of the British Labor Party is no reliable support of democracy, but is rather betraying it to fascism.

When Norman Thomas leads his Socialist Party to the defense of the POUM insurrectionists, when he refuses to support Caballero when he headed the government for the Socialist Party, but rushes to the support of Caballero when he no longer represents the Socialist Party but a small irresponsible opposition to it, that only proves that Norman Thomas has abandoned the defense of democracy, which he formerly invoked so warmly against the

supposedly "undemocratic" tendencies of the Communists.

Everywhere, and at all times, the great mass of the working class and the majority of the middle classes, support democracy and fight for it, with such effectiveness as the maturity of their organization and leadership makes possible.

This is true whether the democracy is the incomplete, limited and fragmentary democracy of England, France and the United States under capitalism, or whether it is the more fundamental, far-reaching and profound democracy of socialism in the Soviet Union, where next Sunday the first elections under the new Stalin Constitution are taking place. Because the Soviet Union has achieved the greatest democracy of all history, there is found the surest support of those democracies that are fighting for their life against fascist invasion.

THE FIGHT FOR PEACE IS NOT PACIFISM

There are still pacifist ideas being broadcast, which say that the only way to have peace is to surrender to the universal domination of the fascists. Since the fascists declare they will fight for rule over the world, then the people, so say the pacifists, must declare that under no conditions will they fight. Or, at any rate, they insist that we shall be sure that if we fight we must on no account win. Such pacifists deplore the heroic battle of the Spanish people to maintain their Republic. They especially deplore the fact that 3,000 of our best boys from the U. S. and Canada are with the Spanish People's Army. They are now, among the students, hysterically calling for the sacrifice of the so-called "Oxford Pledge" (which by the way never played much of a role in Oxford, or in all England for that matter). They grow really apoplectic when they hear Communists say the time has long passed when it was proper to boycott military training camps, that it is necessary that the democratic people shall learn as much as possible about military science and not leave this a monopoly of the fascists and reactionaries.

But today, as always in past history, the road to peace is not the road of pacifism and non-resistance. At least not the kind of peace that a free people has any use for at all. Freedom and progress will continue only so long as the people are ready, when necessity arises, to defend it with their lives. The trials of the heroic Spanish people today may be ours tomorrow, unless we learn the lesson of their experience and apply them here in the U. S., preventing fascism from ever coming within striking distance of power, and unless we help more than ever the victory of the Spanish Republic.

MORE MATERIAL AID NEEDED FOR SPAIN

All agencies that are organizing material help for Republican Spain are more than ever needed today. They must revive and redouble their work. The second winter of war, and a new wave of fascist intervention, make this help more than ever important and necessary. Our defense lines before Madrid and in Aragon must not be allowed to falter for lack of our help. Otherwise those trenches may move across the Atlantic.

The North American Committee for Aid to Spanish Democracy,

the broadest united front of the friends of Spain, and the co-ordinating agency for the efforts of all the special groups, must be given new forces and attention to reorganize and strengthen its work, making it more effective and economical.

The Medical Bureau, which has done such magnificent work in equipping and maintaining hospitals, ambulances, surgeons and nurses in Spain, is now called upon for greater efforts and achievements. It deserves a hundred-fold more support than it is now receiving.

The Friends of the Lincoln Battalion must be enabled to maintain and increase its supply of the small comforts and necessities to the boys in Spain.

And now of great importance is the Rehabilitation Fund of the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion. Since an increasing number of the boys are now returning from Spain, most of them after nearly a year of service on three or four fronts, and many of them with special problems of readjustment to work here, it is quite necessary that all forces be thrown behind its campaign for \$50,000 individual members paying one dollar per year. This is absolutely required within the next three months to meet the minimum demands of this work.

MAINTAIN THE FORCES OF THE LINCOLN BATTALION

Finally, and most important of all, we must understand that the Abraham Lincoln Battalion, and the MacKenzie-Papineau Battalion, are in the Spanish war until victory is won for the Republic.

That means that a constant stream of reinforcements and replacements must continue, at least during this winter and spring, and possibly through next summer.

The conditions for the International Brigade have much improved since the first 3,000 unhesitatingly answered the call and went to Spain. Then the boys were going into a completely unorganized situation, the International Brigade had no recognized status, there was much confusion, delay and unnecessary hardships.

Today they are going to join a strong Spanish People's Army, half a million strong, with a constantly more adequate equipment. They are joining an International Brigade which has won recognition and full status as a part of that People's Army. The conditions of the service, the rights and term of service, as well as the responsibilities, have been regularized. The confusions, delays and unnecessary difficulties have been reduced to a minimum. The main task, to hold back and smash the fascist offensive, can now be attacked much more directly and with greater guarantees of victory.

Under these improved conditions, it is possible for us to do our part, together with all honest democrats, to maintain the historic Lincoln Battalion that was created under such enormous difficulties, until victory is achieved? I feel that the answer to this question comes as a matter of course.

Of course we can and we will. For us the slogan that rang out in Madrid only 13 months ago, that was made reality by the combined forces of world democracy, is a part of our blood and bones, is woven into the very fabric of our lives.

"No pararon!"

Republic Is Balked In Attempt to Halt NLRB Steel Hearing

Evidence Introduced to Show Wagner Act Violations by Firm—Bank Backed Company Union in Beaver Falls, Says Witness

BEAVER, Pa., Dec. 9.—A surprise move by a wily attorney to "suspend" hearings on charges of anti-labor activity against a Republic Steel Corporation subsidiary until "the men get together on the kind of union they desire" was denied here today.

Tilford Dudley, trial examiner, denied the motion and explained that the case was a "pseudo-criminal one against Republic Steel." Tom Girdler's plant here had tried to intimidate and coerce its workers from joining the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, CIO.

The purpose of the hearing was not to decide which union any employee wanted to belong to, Mr. Dudley pointed out.

VIOLATE WAGNER ACT
Evidence introduced by Labor Board attorney Benjamin Gordon had shown that the company was engaged in unfair labor practices and had sponsored an "independent protective association" in violation of the Wagner Act.

Walter G. Bert, a government witness, testified that the protective association's account at the Farmers' National Bank in Beaver

8 Die in Fire In Knoxville Tenement House

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 9 (UP).—Eight persons were burned to death today when they were trapped by flames on the second floor of a three-story wooden apartment building.

The dead were: Mrs. McKinley Connaster, 35, and her children, Virginia, 6, and Vallee, 4; Mrs. Cora Tate, 36, a son, Eugene, 17, and her grandsons, R. L. Melton, 12, junior Melton, 6, and James Earl Melton, 9.

Firemen searched the smoldering ruins for the body of 12-year-old Luther Connaster, missing since the fire.

50 Aged Patients Rescued in Fire in Ohio Sanitarium

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9 (UP).—Staff members and police carried to safety at least 50 aged patients when fire swept the Ambler Hill Sanitarium today.

Mrs. Eva Fahy, director, said no one was injured. She said most of the rescued patients were aged convalescents, wards of the County Welfare system.

They were huddled in a large, unheated barn near the sanitarium while firemen fought the stubborn blaze.

Employees of a city reservoir and a party of Western Reserve University students touring the reservoir aided in the rescue. Most of the patients were in sleeping attire.

N. Y. Unions Support Mooney Rally Dec. 15

Randolph to Speak at Garden Meeting—Bedacht Urges All I.W.O. Members to Attend Rally—I.L.D. Mobilizes

A. Philip Randolph, president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, yesterday added his support to the Mooney rally to be held in Madison Square Garden on Dec. 15 and agreed to address the meeting, it was announced by Vito Marcantonio, who will preside.

Trade union sponsorship and endorsement of the rally, organized by the Tom Mooney Madison Square Garden Meeting Committee at Mooney's personal request, is rolling up an impressive demonstration of solidarity with labor's heroes.

Additions to the original list of sponsors previously announced included the following: The Furriers Joint Council which pledges to mobilize its entire membership to attend; Local 19932 of the Wholesale Dry Goods Workers; Local 302 Hotel and Restaurant Workers; Retail Stand Employees Union Local 906B; United Retail Clerks Employees Union Local 338; Workers Alliance of Greater New York; Bag & Suitcase Workers; Local 9 of the A.W.P.A.; American Advertising Guild; New York Sign Writers Union Local 230; Local 79 of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers Union; Local 1226 of the United Electrical and Radio and Machine Workers of America; United Mine Workers of America; District No. 50; Department Store Employees Union Local 1250;

Speaks at Mooney Rally



A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

Ten U.S. Army Planes Search for Missing Philippine Army Head

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 9 (UP).—Ten U. S. Army airplanes today joined Philippine Army aircraft and 500 soldiers on foot in the search for Brig. Gen. Paulino V. Santos, chief of staff of the Philippine Army, who has been missing three days on a flight here from Cebu Island.

23 Families Driven From Home by Fire

East Side Firetrap Dwelling Occupied Mostly by Relief Clients—Tenant Is Rescued, Badly Burned—Law Enforcement Demanded

A sixth floor occupant of the tenement at 607 E. 13th St. was badly burned and one fireman was overcome last night as firemen battled for more than three hours a blaze that spread from an abandoned wooden-framed building next door.

The East Side firetrap is occupied by 23 families, almost all of whom are on relief.

The man who occupies a sixth floor apartment was taken down by firemen in a burned condition and immediately rushed to Bellevue Hospital.

Prompt exodus of all occupants before the fire was sufficiently serious to cut off escape avoided other serious injuries. There were several minor injuries. The fire broke out shortly after 3 P.M. If it had broken out late in the evening when many are in bed, the outcome might have been as tragic as the Suffolk St. fire last summer which burned two people to death, several of the tenants declared.

MANY SHELTERLESS
The abandoned building at 609, covered by a corrugated metal sheeting was declared a danger on several occasions during the past two years. It was once a laundry. Those of the women and children who were left shelterless as a result of the fire and could not

Declaration of Independence Is Assailed

Labor Board Aide Rebukes Industrialists for Violating Law

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registrars of universities, the personnel men in your industry know nothing of equality. Men are not equal as far as race is concerned; they are not equal as far as family is concerned nor are they equal as individuals."

WANTS BREEDING CURB
Developing his point with the best fascist logic, the college president concluded that something must be done to stop workers from breeding too rapidly and at the same time accelerate propagation by "Harvard men and Vassar women."

"We are getting our population," he said, "from those who have not very much intellectual ability, the proletariat. And who are they, who are the proletariat? They are the lowest class. They are the lowest class in Rome and the only service they could render to the State was that they could produce offspring."

"As you know, the graduates of Harvard, the graduates of Vassar, the graduates of our universities are not reproducing themselves at the present time. Any increase in population that we get comes from those who have the least intelligence."

GOD REACTIONARY

In a direct attack upon the authors of the Declaration of Independence, Dr. Cutten declared: "Not only did these men not mean what they said in regard to equality but they brought together in the same sentence two concepts which are entirely antagonistic, equality and liberty."

"You can't have liberty and equality at the same time," he said, "you have to choose which you are going to have. If you are going to be regimented then you will have to give up your freedom. If you are going to be free you can't have regimentation."

In order that there could be no argument on the matter, Dr. Cutten found that God was on his side. "God," he declared, "is a reactionary. I know. He hasn't an open mind, not at least toward some of the half-baked theories of the present time. He does things just about as he did ten thousand years ago."

The masters of industry chuckled tolerantly as Gen. Johnson delivered an eulogy on the NRA and cheered lustily when he charged that the House Labor Committee had transferred administration of the Black-Canary Wages and Hours Bill from a "five-man Soviet" to a one-man committee.

The present Wages and Hours bill, said the custodian of the dead Blue Eagle, is an outrage. He admitted in the next sentence that he did not know its contents. "A commentator," he said, "can't cause a bill until he has seen it, but no such omission can keep a Congressman from voting for it," he said.

But the speech of the day which brought the monopolists to their feet in cheers was delivered by Ernest T. Weir, boss of the hat gang of Weirton and chairman of the board of National Steel Co.

HITS WAGNER ACT

"Labor and industry could get along with each other," he declared, "if government would remove the stumbling blocks." Any form of labor legislation and the Wagner Act in particular he found to be a "stumbling block."

In a scantly veiled plea for a fascist state, Weir said, "We must exchange cooperation for collective cooperation."

He called upon the courts to help the manufacturers break unions. "It should be illegal," he said, "to transport pickets from one plant to another. Employers should be wary of coercion to join national unions." Most unpopular speaker at the day's session was Charles Fahy, general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board. Fahy submitted to a 30-minute cross examination by John C. Gall, counsel for the monopolists.

Fahy pulled no punches. Organized labor and its right to bargain collectively, he said, could not be destroyed by "any opposition, however disguised."

"The freedom of employees to self-organization," he told his grim audience, "was fought for, it was suffered for, it was died for. So essential is it that no organization can end the struggle for it."

"The NLRB will end employer coercion and enforce the Wagner law without fear or favoritism."

"The industrialists gave their 'unanimous approval' to the report on employment relations by the Association's board of directors, a document which merely repeated the declarations of numerous speakers. It called for a ban on sit-down strikes and strikes to obtain a closed shop."

Second Hathaway Lecture on USSR Set For Saturday

C. A. Hathaway, editor-in-chief of the Daily Worker, who is giving two lectures on the 20th anniversary of the Russian Revolution at the Workers School, will answer the question "Is There Democracy in the U.S.S.R.?" in his second talk. The lecture will be given Saturday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 2:30 P.M.

In his first lecture Hathaway discussed the struggle against Trotskyism in the Soviet Union. He is expected to continue on this subject in the second lecture and to also deal with questions arising out of the present election campaign in the Soviet Union and the slanders of the capitalist press concerning the inner situation in the U.S.S.R.

Negro Artist Is Honored



Augusta Savage, noted Negro sculptress, is shown at her home, 30 W. 124th St., looking over one of her models. She has been commissioned to do a sculpture for the coming World's Fair. Much of her work has been exhibited and she is the first and only Negro woman to be made a member of the National Association of Women Painters and Sculptors.

—Wide-World Photo

CIO New York Leaders Draft Plan for Industrial Council

Anti-Picketing Drive Is Strongly Condemned as 26 Meet—Haywood Heads Committee to Complete Council Set-Up

Strong condemnation of the present anti-picketing drive was voiced yesterday by leaders of 26 CIO international unions, representing 500,000 workers in New York City, who met to establish a CIO industrial council.

The meeting, called by Alliance Haywood, regional CIO director, set up a committee of eight to prepare for the formation of the industrial council.

The committee, headed by Haywood, includes Frederick Myers, chairman of the district committee of the National Maritime Union; Abraham Miller, vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers; John F. Ryan, national organizer for the American Newspaper Guild; Charles S. Zimmerman, vice-president of the International Ladies Garment Workers; Irving Potash, manager of the New York Furriers Joint Council; Michael J. Quill, president of the Transport Workers Union; and James B. Carey, president of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

TO CANVASS UNIONS
Haywood announced that the committee would canvass the situation among the CIO unions, draw up laws for the establishment of the industrial council, decide on the basis of representation and report back to a meeting of all international representatives in the beginning of January.

He denied that the establishment of a CIO central body would in any way further the split in the labor movement. The function of such a body, he said, would be to coordinate strike activities and rally support for labor legislation.

A legislative committee previously established by the regional CIO office, will meet this afternoon to map out a legislative program.

Haywood also said that the New

York industrial council would "co-operate fully to bring Jersey City back to the United States."

THE RIGHT TO PICKET

The resolution adopted by the CIO officials yesterday declared that the "right to picket is the very core of the right to strike" and called for the distinction between the so-called primary and so-called secondary picketing entirely academic.

The resolution condemned the Kings County Grand Jury presentment urging a curb on picketing and the Steinbrink decision against the Brooklyn Eagle strikers as placing "in jeopardy the right of not only every labor union, whether A. F. of L. or CIO or unaffiliated, but of the unorganized working men and women as well."

The union leaders charged that the Steinbrink decision and grand jury recommendation "have been the pegs on which the large New York newspapers have hung a concerted editorial page and news column campaign to mobilize labor's enemies into a vicious, anti-union, anti-picketing drive."

CONDEMN ANTI-LABOR DRIVE
The resolution protested "with utmost vigor the current drive against the right to picket; we protest the anti-labor spirit in which this campaign is conceived; and we ensure those employer-interests who, wearing the false face of 'friends of labor,' take part in this campaign."

The CIO union officials pledged to "resist effectively and energetically any attempt of any nature to

limit our right to picket," voted to give full legal, financial and moral support to any labor organization the object of an anti-picketing drive, and called on all citizens "whether unionized or not, whether they be organized under the A. F. of L. or CIO auspices to join in determined resistance to this anti-picketing drive."

Copies of the resolution were sent to all A. F. of L. and CIO unions and to the Kings County grand jury, Justice Steinbrink, the Appellate Division of the Brooklyn Supreme Court, Mayor LaGuardia and all members of the newly elected City Council.

Find Poisonous Solvent Used on Number of Foods

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 9 (UP).—The Pure Food and Drug Administration has found that diethylene glycol, poisonous solvent used in elixir sufanilamide that caused 73 deaths in the nation this autumn, is being used in the making of foods and other items for human consumption.

William Hartigan, in charge of the Kansas City office of the Pure Food and Drug Administration, said today that agents throughout the country are busy checking on sales of the lethal solvent, similar to the principle ingredient of some antifreeze solutions, and seizing it when found in possession of manufacturers of any food or drug.

At the same time efforts to establish a united proletarian party have been strengthened by Socialists and Communists. The Coordination Committee of the two parties, with Gloria representing the Communists, Isable Azuara, for the United Socialist Party of Catalonia, and Cayetana Redondo for the Spanish Socialists, are touring the fronts and war industry to establish common methods of improving the situation.

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Rate Boost Or Bad Service Is Rail Threat

Magnates Demand Increase Before ICC—Warn of Disruption

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Spokesmen for America's biggest railroads today issued a thinly veiled warning to the government that unless they were granted a half-billion dollar rate increase within five days they may consider disruption of the train services of the nation.

This unprecedented threat took the form of a prediction before the Interstate Commerce Commission by R. V. Fletcher, attorney for the American Railroad Association, that

55,000 LAID OFF BY RAILROADS IN MONTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Interstate Commerce Commission reported today a decrease of 55,000 in Class I railroad employment between Oct. 15 and the middle of November.

unless the roads got this vast sum they "will not be able to continue present operations."

He declared in making his demand: "It will be impossible for many railroads to continue their present character of transportation service to the public unless relief is obtained in the matter of increased revenue before January 1, 1938."

BACKED BY JONES

The railroads are demanding rate increases that will net them an additional \$17,000,000 a year. On Nov. 10, they were granted increased rates for coal freight that give them an additional \$47,000,000 a year.

Railroad profits are running well ahead of last year. Net operating income for the first nine months of this year have reached \$408,217,000, an increase of 12 per cent over 1936. After paying the Wall St. bondholders \$345,000,000 in interest since January of this year, there still remains \$63,000,000 for dividends to stockholders, according to the reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Franco Raids Seen Sign of Weakness

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modernized by fascism, never understands that hatred sprouts instead of panic when the populace understands political issues.

Today's entire Barcelona press demands the construction of additional defenses as protection against repeated raids by Mussolini's squadrons of death.

ASK UNITY

The editorials in all newspapers call for increased unity of the rear-guard, saying that fascist bombs fall on all alike, whatever political differences they may have.

Meanwhile, the most intense efforts are being exerted to build an ever more powerful war industry, create reserves for the army and construct the fortifications necessary for a long war.

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Browder Speaks on Slump Over Station WEVD Sunday

"The Current Economic Crisis—Its Cause and Cure," will be the topic of a radio address by Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, Sunday, Dec. 12, at 10:10:15 P.M. Browder will speak over a program sponsored weekly on Radio Station WEVD by the Adult Education Program, WPA Forum Division.

O'Connell Tells Hague 'Suspensions Confirmed'

Progressive Montana Congressman Answers 'I Am the Law' Mayor of Jersey City—Ernst Tells of Civil Rights Fight at Meeting

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signed off with "oodles of love and kisses."

As the Hague issue was thrown into the national political arena by O'Connell, Morris L. Ernst, noted labor attorney, said:

"This is now a problem of the Democratic National Committee. Ernst presented the case of the victimized Jersey City workers and C.I.O. organizers to a large gathering of progressive representatives and New Jersey Congressmen in Majority Leader Sam Rayburn's office in the House.

Speaking in an informal, clipped sentences, Ernst enumerated tens of cases of violation of free speech of Jersey City workers.

He told how it was impossible for the C.I.O. there to obtain a hall of the city, and how on one occasion the C.I.O. was asked for \$5,000 for a hall because the proprietor was afraid that Hague would have him dispossessed.

CARNEY SPEAKS

Ernst declared that even the smallest picket signs were prohibited. He declared that it was impossible to give out union literature in Jersey City, that citizens of the city were "deported to New York."

Together with Ernst were members of a delegation of Labor's Non-Partisan League from Jersey City, which had come to Washington to protest against Hague's rule and to ask for progressive legislation.

William Carney, C.I.O. director in New Jersey, also cited details of persecution by Hague's machine, and declared that the C.I.O. was determined to "organize Jersey City 100 per cent."

All 14 of the New Jersey representatives received a letter, personally addressed to Carl Holderman, state chairman of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

LABOR LEAGUE LETTER

"A wave of legal terrorism to prevent freedom of speech and public assembly has been launched against individuals and organizations in Hudson County with the approval of and under the direction of Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City and his subordinates," the letter said.

"Individuals suspected of sympathies with a labor union have been taken into custody by the Jersey City police, forcibly kidnapped and dumped out of police cars in the Hackensack Meadows. Others were arrested, charged with distributing leaflets, refused jury trials and sentenced to jail with no opportunity of presenting evidence in their own defense."

"Innocent bystanders, not connected in any way with the union, have been seized and forcibly searched upon the streets by the Jersey City police. In one instance, the police opened a traveling case and dumped its contents, consisting solely of personal effects, upon the pavement in their fiendish zeal."

"All of this and more can be proven by documentary evidence and the direct testimony of individuals involved."

"We believe that the issues are

Chinese Hold Nanking—City Bombed Again

Japanese General Says He Will Show No Mercy in Attack

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the Chinese commanders inside the wall city at noon yesterday calling on them to surrender.

The Chinese were given until noon today to reply.

Domet said that heavy fighting was raging around some of the city gates last night.

It was reported that Japanese warships had broken through the last of the barricades built across the Yangtze River between Shanghai and Nanking and were nearing Nanking to participate in the entrance of the Japanese forces into the walled city.

BOMBED FROM AIR

The warships also would cut off the Chinese lines of retreat across the Yangtze from Nanking to Pukow, southern terminus of the Tientsin-Pukow railway.

Nanking's walls were reported almost entirely surrounded by the Japanese today.

Additional areas of the capital were reported in flames as a result of repeated Japanese aerial bombings.

Pukow, much of which already has been burned, also suffered heavily from Japanese incendiary bombs. Japanese forces driving westward South of Nanking were reported to be attacking the large city of Wuhu where an American hospital is located.

WILL SHOW NO MERCY

"The Japanese army will show no mercy toward those who resist," Gen. Matsui said.

"We regret the necessity of damaging the great city of Nanking which has been a center of East Asian civilization. However, it cannot escape the havoc of war if it continues to be a base for Chinese armies which are resisting us."

Other highlights of the Chinese-Japanese war during the past 24 hours included:

Members of the British embassy, who fled from Nanking to Hankow, reached Shanghai from Hong Kong after a long railway journey from Hankow to the South China British crown colony. The British Charge D'Affaires said contact with the Chinese Foreign Office, temporarily located in Hankow, would be left to his staff there.

The Japanese said they occupied the Ta-chia-chiao Airfield, half a mile from one of the Nanking gates, at dawn yesterday.

Nick Kampas, of Wendell, West Virginia, sends \$1 to the Daily Worker financial drive.

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Krug Bakery Uses Nazis as Strikebreakers—40 Bund Members Drive Trucks, Union Charges

The Krug Bakery Company of Jamaica, Long Island, was accused yesterday of spreading Nazi propaganda among its employees and using Nazis as strikebreakers in the strike conducted by the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union.

Strikers produced a picture of two strikebreakers, one of them Edward Seufert, a scabbing baker, in Nazi uniform, who are among the Nazis used to break the three-month strike.

Forty members of the German-American Volksbund, a Nazi organization, are acting as strike-breaking drivers under the leadership of George Koenigke, an organizer for the Volksbund, the union said.

PRaise FOR NAZIS

The union revealed that George Krug, president of the company, returned from Germany about two weeks before the strike began on Aug. 29 and personally undertook to praise Nazi Germany to his employees.

A short time after, strikers charged a company union was formed and members of the union were fired, precipitating the strike. Strikers of German descent reported that Koenigke approached them before the strike, urging them to join the Volksbund. They said that the Nazi strikebreakers met regularly at the Volksbund camp at Yaphank, L. I.

Among the strikebreakers listed as Nazis by the strike committee are included the general manager of the production department, the production manager, the cake foreman, pie foreman, scaling room foreman, icing foreman, assistant manager of the production department, and supervisor Koenigke.

The strike committee charged that an investigation of the 40 drivers would reveal full Nazi uniforms in their homes.

"Since one of the by-laws of this organization (the Volksbund) is to thwart the lawful purposes of unionism, and since this company is supposed to be an American concern, we feel the present un-American practice is violating the principles of the constitution of the United States and should be abolished," the strike committee said.

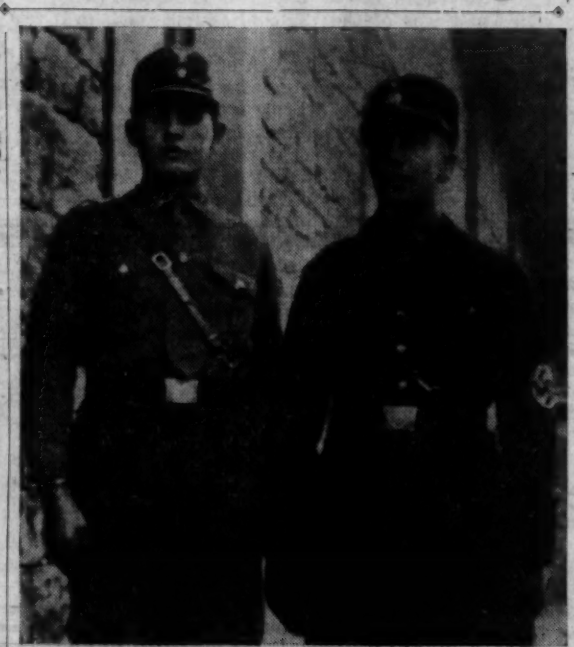
"Among our group of strikers you can find conclusive evidence that some of our members who are of German descent were approached by George Koenigke and asked to become members of the Nazi organization."

DISTRIBUTE PAPER

"This organization also distributed among its members a newspaper, called 'Pure Aryan,' imported from Germany."

"We ask this one question. Why did Mr. George Krug go to Germany two months before the strike was called, and returned, saying conditions in Nazi Germany were splendid?"

Of the firm's 500 employees, the majority of bakers are out on strike, and a large number of the drivers. Strikers charged that known Nazi sympathizers have been given preference in employment.



The above picture of two Nazi strikebreakers at the Krug Bakery Company was furnished by members of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers Union, who have been on strike at the plant for three months. At the left is Edward Seufert, a scab baker, shown in the Nazi uniform he wore at the Volksbund Camp at Yaphank, L. I. The other Nazi is an unidentified scabbing driver.

What's On

Chicago, Ill.

RESERVE "A Spanish Nite in Southtown," Saturday Eve., Dec. 11, 8 P.M. Auditorium, and Emory-Ald Ave. Spanish Floor Show. Talk by Spanish Consul, Gunnar Nelson's Dance Orchestra. Extra: Movie "The Heart of Spain." Auspices: Lodges 254, 608, 1190, L.W.O. Admission 40c.

INDUSTRIAL BALL 200, Ward W.R., C.P. 3289 W. Madison St., Saturday, Dec. 11th, 8 P.M. Dancing to snappy orchestra. Tap dancer, Violin and vocal solo. Refreshments. At door, 35c; in advance 30c.

HOUSE PARTY—Honor of our hotel worker, Wayne Adams. Sat., Dec. 11th, 8:30 P.M. 901 North Richmond Ave. Adm. 30c. Ausp. Branch 21 East 7th St. Proceeds: Mid-West Daily Fund.

Detroit, Mich.

SNOWBALL FROLIC. Biggest and best dance of the year! M.M. Falk presents Jimmy Higgins WWJ Orchestra! Auspices: YCL Michigan State Convention. Greetings from William Weinsteins. Henry Winston. Saturday, Dec. 11th, 8 P.M. Hotel Fort Wayne. Admission 25c.

Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW YEAR'S EVE BALL and Frolic Come as you are! From nine to three. T-Leeven Club, 711 S. Broad Street, December 31st.

CHINESE MANS MEETING! Friday, Dec. 10th, 8:30 P.M. Dr. C. S. Chang, Miss Haru Matsui, Dr. Gordon Pictet, and others, on the Japanese invasion of China, at 1420 N. Broad. Admission 25c. Ausp: Chinese Defense Committee.

YOU'LL AWAKE and sing at the Phila. Music Center's School "Fun Frolic," on Sat., Dec. 11th, 3:15 & 6:15 P.M. Puppet Show, entertainment and fun. Admission 35c.

PETER V. CACCHIONE, Communist Candidate for Councilman in Brooklyn, speaks on "The Future of American Politics," Sunday, Dec. 12th, 8:15 P.M. 1828 Arch St. Sub. 25c.

LANGUET in welcome Phila.'s own ENSEMBLE, on the Japanese invasion of China, at 1420 N. Broad and Girard Ave. Reservations, one dollar!!

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Newspapers That Lie

When you shell out your pennies for most any capitalist newspaper you are not buying a sample of a "free press."

You are buying a press that is fast becoming the tool and property of big Wall Street banks and monopolies.

Secretary Ickes the other night warned his listeners over a national radio hook-up that the concentration of ownership in the newspaper business has resulted in a handful of reactionary interests getting control of the country's newspapers.

"Under the stress of economic forces," Ickes pointed out, "our press and news agencies are coming more and more under the domination of a handful of corporate publishers who may print such news as they wish and omit such news as they do not wish to print."

That is putting it mildly. The American people no longer respect or follow the papers they read. Witness the 1936 elections where the people, in giving Roosevelt his historic plurality, showed their contempt for the anti-New Deal howlings of the papers they were reading.

Witness the recent and current drive to repeal the profits taxes and to give Big Business a free hand in running the country. The press acted simply as the grovelling tool of Big Business reaction.

The people need their own press if they are to have the truth about American life.

The projection of two new people's papers in Chicago and San Francisco are thus a part of the great effort of the people to save themselves from the fraud and prostitution of America's money-dominated newspapers.

A Declaration of War Against the People

The platform adopted by the Congress of American Industry of the National Association of Manufacturers is a declaration of war against the American people.

Behind these pious phrases lurks the rattle-snake program of Reaction unrestrained, surpassing anything that this organization of the potentates of Big Business has presented in the past.

The symbols of this platform are the three men who were the heroes of yesterday's sessions of the Congress of Industry: Ernest T. (Hatchet Gang) Weir, Walter J. (Machine-Gun) Kohler and Tom (Shoot-to-Kill) Girdler.

Here are Wall Street's triggermen—Murderers Row. And they were the ones chosen to discourse on labor problems, with that contemptible turncoat, Dr. Leo Wolman, bringing up the rear. The only one missing was Dr. Robert Ley, head of Hitler's "Labor Front."

These and their ilk are the men whom Secretary Ickes branded Wednesday night as "the fascist-minded men of America who are the real enemies of our institutions."

And the platform they stand on, the platform adopted by the Congress of American Industry, is worthy of the Girdlers, the Kohlers and the Weirs.

Incidentally, why is the Congress of American Industry being held in such secrecy? Why isn't the press admitted to the sessions? IS THIS A CONGRESS OR A CONSPIRACY?

The platform gives lip-service to the idea of collective bargaining and then proceeds to nullify it by its other proposals. It demands, for example, the right of "individual bargaining," which means the right of the individual General Motors worker to pit his puny strength against this billion-dollar corporation, with its spies and stoopigeons. It also calls for the right to hire and fire at will ("on the basis of merit")—that is, to fire anybody who so much as lets out a peep about wages or working conditions.

To this these profit patriots add a proposal for what looks suspiciously like fascist corporations—or is it "only" company unions: "The right of employees and employers to form organizations for their mutual advantage."

From the government the platform demands a free hand for the Wall Street racketeers to loot the country as they will. It calls for "freedom from federal control of prices, wages and hours in manufacturing," tax relief for Big Business and an end to "policies which have the effect of redistributing existing wealth and income" (that is, taxation of the rich), "continued unbalanced federal budget caused by excessive government spending" (which means unemployment relief, aid to the farmers, etc.), "legislation which stimulates labor controversies or the threat of such controversies" (for example, the Wagner Labor Relations Act), and "increasing government competition with private enterprise" (in other words, the TVA

and other such projects in the interest of the people).

Here is Wall Street's Wreck-America platform. Here is the program of those who have organized the sitdown strike against recovery, those that squeeze billions out of the toil of the workers, farmers and middle-class people of the country. Though the Roosevelt administration is not mentioned by name, the platform is a call to arms against everything that the New Deal stands for.

Has not the time come for a PEOPLE'S PLATFORM to unite the entire nation against the corporate gangsterism of the pro-fascist Trusts?

Has not the time come for the labor movement—C.I.O. and A. F. of L.—the farmers and other forward-looking groups to stand together with the New Deal against this platform of ruin and for a program of putting America back to work, of raising the purchasing power of the people, of safeguarding democracy?

Let your Congressmen know that THIS is the platform you voted for in 1936, and this is the platform you mean to fight for.

'I-Am-the-Law' Hague Writes A Laconic Letter

For cynical callousness to appeals that he refrain from trampling on the constitutional rights of workers in the domain of Jersey City, Mayor Frank ("I-Am-the-Law") Hague merits the Order of the Swastika.

In his high-handed destruction of civil rights, Burgomeister Hague insisted he could do no wrong. Now it appears everybody else is wrong when they protest against the outlawing of democracy in Jersey City.

We have little doubt that in the Museum of Fascist Origins in Other Lands, the Nazis will find a place of honor for Mayor Hague's laconic and insulting missive in answer to the 26 members of Congress.

A few days ago Labor's Non-Partisan League made public a letter sent to Mayor Hague deploring the "wholesale arrest and deportation from the city limits of (trade union) organizers."

"I-am-the-Law" Hague replied to the United States Representatives with the blunt cynicism he is used to employing when ordering workers slugged, driven off the streets and deprived of every vestige of right.

"Everything is under control," flippantly replied the Liberty League's model of what a good strikebreaking mayor should be and act like.

"Leave everything to me, and don't worry," were his concluding remarks disposing of a protest that voices the opinion of the majority of freedom-loving Americans.

Thus, it seems that Hague not only regards himself as a special Jersey City type of Louis XIV ("I-am-the-State") but declares as the Marines that he has "everything under control."

This mockery of democratic rights and the rights of all democrats to speak up when liberty is being trampled on is a menace to the people of this country. A victory for the fascist-like deeds of a Hague can only serve to inspire the numerous potential imitators who are waiting only to see the people relax their vigilance in the defense of their liberties.

Weeping for the Hungry—And Keeping Them that Way

The ears of many a Congressman must have burned—or should have burned—when the Farmer-Labor Congressman Bernard of Minnesota came to the support of the proposals to aid the farmer.

For the past week or so, a whole collection of Tory Congressmen have been trying to knife the idea of farm aid under the pretense that they hate "a system of planned scarcity." Like the Congressman from Ohio, T. A. Jenkins, for example, they have suddenly become effusive over "God's bounty that the people shall be fed."

Bernard ripped into these hypocrites who are doing their damndest to see that the people shall NOT be fed.

"The gentlemen who argued for a drastic cut in relief," he told his fellow-Congressmen, "now weep for America's hungry millions."

"These people are not in an easy position to explain to their hungry constituents, the jobless, the WPA workers who have been laid off, or the needy for whom no relief can be found. Their hungry constituents will ask: What did you do to find us a few dollars so that we can buy what the farmers will raise? I hope they will be able to answer that they have done something besides cutting Mr. J. P. Morgan's tax bill."

It is obvious that any solution of the farmers' plight cannot rest on forcing the farmer to curtail production. But there cannot be any retreat from the demand that the American farmer and the farm family be protected by the government against the ravages of mortgage sharks, grain speculators, dairy and packing trusts and a chaotic market.

The Communist Party, although it opposed many of the specific features of the A.A.A. Bill, stoutly fought against the reactionaries who killed it because they wanted to kill any kind of farm legislation.

The reactionaries are now sniping at the administration farm bill not because it has many objectionable features—and it has many such—but because they are trying to smother any kind of approach to a permanent farm program.

Labor and the American farmer have a common enemy in the clique of Congressional reactionaries who are trying to block the people's mandate for progress.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

Japan's finances are already beginning to reveal cracks from the terrific strain of war. This accounts for the flock of trial diplomatic balloons that darken the skies around Nanking and above London, Washington and Berlin.

Invitations from Tokio to Britain and the United States to take part in "urging" the Chinese government to submit after Nanking's fall are prompted particularly by Japan's concern over her own financial and economic ability to continue a war in China's hinterland.

While the Tokio war lords received encouragement for their plans from London Tories (the London Times virtually advised the Chinese to capitulate) the response in Washington was an abrupt rejection of mediation steps on Tokio's terms.

Japan's credit position in London has been seriously weakened. British bankers friendly to Japan's adventure and hopeful of participating in its aftermath have cut down on monetary outlays to Tokio because despite much overrated military advances they are worried over preponderating evidence of China's determination to resist beyond Nanking.

Japanese bank acceptances in London are now not more than \$5,000,000, whereas a month ago they totaled up into the scores of millions of dollars. Japanese balances and short-term sterling investments in London have dropped from around \$100,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

At the same time, military expenses are skyrocketing in Japan. The war budget for the coming year is reckoned at \$1,500,000,000 as against a little more than \$1,000,000,000 for the year now drawing to a close. Japan's gold supply is rapidly dwindling, as the government, in a desperate effort to maintain the rate of exchange, is shipping gold out of the country.

Foreign trade is sharply declining. We have only the statistics of exports from Japan for the first ten days of November, 1937, and these showed a drop of 17,000,000 yen (the yen equals about 30 cents) below the last ten days of October of this year.

Because the government is clamping down more stringent "emergency" exchange restrictions under which it is growing difficult for Japanese industrialists to obtain dollars or pounds for foreign purchases of raw materials, the Osaka textile manufacturers have decided on sending a special mission to the United States.

The Japanese financiers and industrialists know that the U. S. Export-Import Bank will not advance credits to finance cotton shipments to Japan. They therefore expect to try to arrive at terms with Southern cotton interests and bankers. They hope to secure cotton credits, which would be another way of obtaining American help in Japan's war of aggression.

No stone is left unturned by the Japanese finance capitalists in their wild scramble for credits to help them meet the serious situation of continuation of war. Vice-Admiral Goto has been sent to Berlin to try to get help from the German industrialists in exploiting North China and in financing the invasion of Central China. Not much hope is put on the likelihood of obtaining financial aid from Germany, however. The object of Goto's trip to the Nazi capital is to goad the British and American finance capitalists into the fear that they might lose some juicy financial plums of conquest in North China if they do not kick in with some credits now to make Japan's position in China more secure.

What is going on behind the Chinese lines near Nanking is obscured by the smoke of battle and the thick screen of Japanese-inspired rumors. Japan's hopes are not hard to fathom. She wishes and works for the setting up of a Japanophile "government," headed by the clique led by Wang Ching-wei and Ho Ying-ching. However, such a puppet regime set up by Japanese bayonets would not help the Japanese position much if the war is continued unceasingly by the Chinese armies.

The determined Chinese resistance and preparations to continue the battle clear up the Yangtze Valley as well as intensified activity by the 8th Route Army in the North serve to discredit the bulk of the wishful rumors of Tokio's propaganda machine, now moved in full force to Shanghai.

Nevertheless, the only complete guarantee of Chinese victory and the crushing of intrigue to betray the Chinese people are the proposals of the Chinese Communist Party to draw the whole of the Chinese people into the fighting, to broaden the base of the government by democratization, and the revision of the military program to take full advantage of the experience of the 8th Route Army (the former Chinese Red Army) and of the 17 months of anti-fascist fighting of the People's Army of Spain.

The Hospitals Need Government Action

A two-year survey of voluntary hospitals in New York City has revealed conditions that have moved David H. McAlpin Pyle, president of the United Hospital Fund, to sharp comment.

The financial situation of most of these hospitals is steadily growing worse, according to Mr. Pyle. "Some are rendering services below a satisfactory standard," he states. "A great many underpay their employees and work them long hours. A few should be closed forthwith as unnecessary, uneconomic units in an integrated plan of city-wide hospital service."

He points out that these hospitals "represent a haphazard growth, largely competitive in their approach to the community, wasteful to the extent of millions of dollars a year in their duplication of facilities, overheads, operating outlays and investments." In other words, they have developed in the manner that is typical of all enterprises under capitalism.

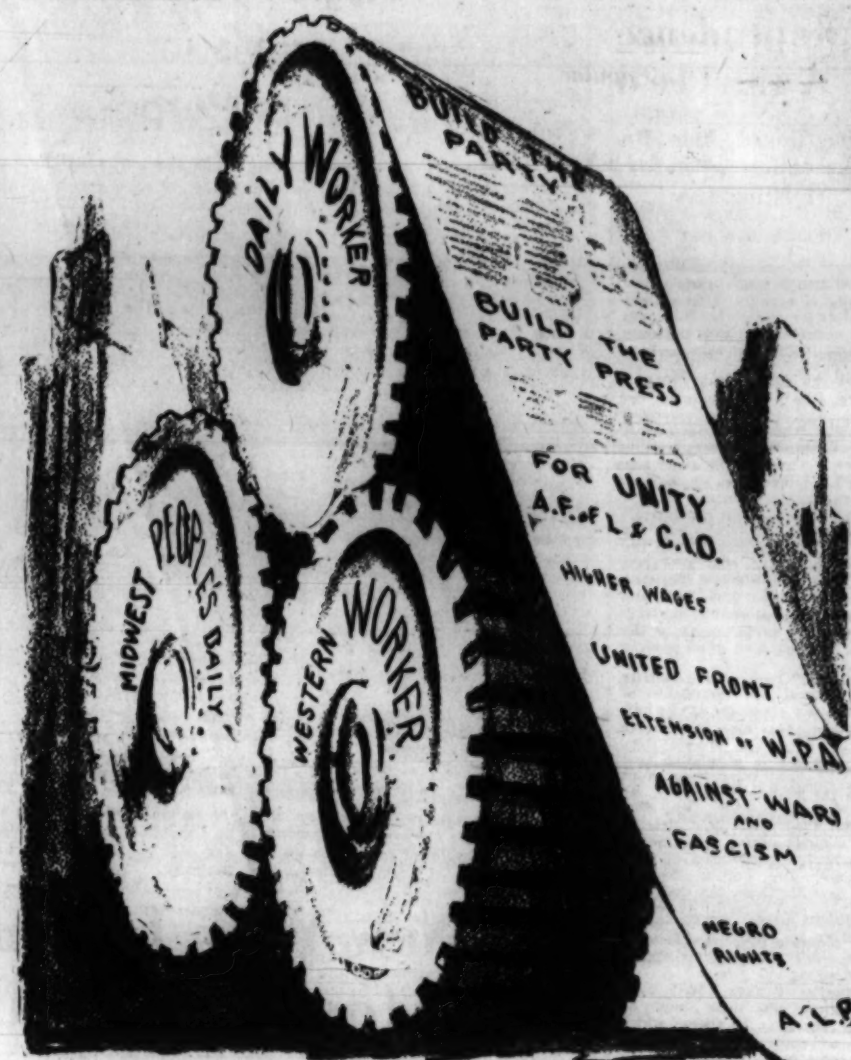
Mr. Pyle poses the question: "Must, as is now the trend, the government operate an increasing proportion of the total facilities?"

That certainly would be desirable and would result in vast improvement. But even without actual government operation, it is essential that the government provide funds to hospitals to care for the needy. This is one of the proposals in the statement issued recently by 430 distinguished American physicians.

As their statement declared: "The health of the people is a direct concern of government."

THE WORLD MOVES

by Ellis



Gentlemen of the Capitalist Press And the Elections in Soviet Union

(Continued from page 2)

these comparisons it should not be understood that we are comparing trade union democracy in workers' economic organizations in capitalist countries with the democracy in a Socialist society where the workers on one-sixth of the globe have been victorious.

But here are some helpful examples.

In the United Mine Workers of America, where the workers have a common interest and the right of secret vote, only one candidate is proposed for President of the union, John L. Lewis. The workers in their referendum voted for him overwhelmingly. And in the union this is recognized as the highest type of democracy based on the closest community of workers' interest.

The only time in years that there was a contest for the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. at a convention was in 1935 when Costello ran against Wolf. This was a sen-

sational departure from the usual procedure of trade union democracy within the A. F. of L.

At the last convention of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, acknowledged as one of the most democratic conventions in the history of organized American labor, there was no opposition to the election of Dave Dubinsky as president of the union. Indeed, there was only one contest at that convention for the last vice-president.

90 PER CENT WILL VOTE

In other words, the higher the office in the trade unions, the less likelihood of a contest, because there you have workers with unity of interest combined in an organization for the defense and advance of their economic interests.

Extend, enlarge, deepen this conception to apply to a society of toilers on one-sixth of the globe, encircled by the world's employers fearful that the union idea of the U.S.S.R. will spread, and we have a fair estimate of Soviet democracy.

This idea, of course, is not to the liking of the capitalists, and that accounts for their distortion.

An examination of the history of "democracy" in the capitalist countries will show that at the first elections, let us say after the French or American revolution, not more than five or at most ten per cent of the people voted. Even today, in the South of the U. S. about 10 per cent of the adult population decides the outcome of the election.

In the Soviet Union about 90 per cent or more of the eligible voters will vote.

They will vote in the freest and fairest election in human history.

They will vote with a community of interest. They will vote for the extension of their great achievements. And they will vote in a way that will send shivers down the spines of the enemies of the U. S. S. R. and arouse the greatest enthusiasm in the breasts of class-conscious workers and the oppressed peoples of the entire world.

Letters from Our Readers

Tories Use Vicious Means To Discredit 'Radicals'

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker

The following is a letter sent to the Chicago Tribune:

Whenever an editorial in the Tribune discusses the subject of "radicalism" there always appears an intellectual "air pocket" in the discussion. Your recent editorial "The Trouble With Minnesota" is a case in point.

The Tribune says that before the present political set-up came into power, the State of Minnesota was in the corrupt grip of "wealthy and influential" interests and that when these interests were swept aside "radicalism" gained the support of people easily convinced that lawlessness, disregard of essential rights and outrages committed against them were the proper weapons to use for social betterment.

Now, where is the "air pocket" in this line of reasoning to which I have referred? I call it an air pocket, although some people would use blunter and more outspoken language, for it happens to be a purposeful concealment of an essential fact which is characteristic of all fascist reasoning today. The essential fact concealed is this: whenever a "radical" group is voted into power (note Spain and the present revelations in France) those "wealthy and influential" interests which have been defeated, being determined more than ever to recover their places at the public troughs, do not hesitate to utilize the most vile and vicious schemes to discredit the "radicals," to sabotage and wreck their program and efforts, even to conspire to murder and violence.

The "wealthy and influential" have brought "radicalism" into being just as surely as disease and pestilence have brought the science of medicine into being.

IRA BENSON.

Wants the Cause of the Shirtmaker Championed

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

To be a shirt-maker isn't by any means an easy job. Since I have known the shirt trade, I have known misery and degradation. If there is suffering for the workers, generally the shirt-makers get their full share of it. During prosperity, when other workers were making \$60, we were getting \$30, top price. Nowadays, the prevailing wage for us is \$12 and \$13.

If we work for six weeks in succession, we are lucky

and then we stop for six months. It is high time that somebody should take up the fight of the shirtworkers. Please write a few articles about our trade. Perhaps it will help.

W. B.

A Plea for Fairness

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

This letter was sent to the New York Times: "Editor, N. Y. Times:

"Dear Sir:

"It seems a hopeless desire to wish that human beings attempt to remain unprejudiced, even for a period long enough to make up their own minds. It would appear even more hopeless to expect anyone to admit the possibility of changing his opinion once it is formed. With this defeatist attitude I cannot logically hope that any words of mine will be effective. Yet when day after day I read in all the New York papers the complete misrepresentation of the leaders (as well as the editors) of the sincere and idealistic aims of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. I feel that I must make some effort, that we be more open-minded, that we try to discard the prejudices with which most of us have grown up, and study the situation in the light of today and tomorrow."

"I do not belong to the Party. Perhaps I will some day, but for this present period I am only attempting to see through the miasma of prejudices and distorted stories. And the first solid fact is that I have found, an impressive, outstanding fact is that on every question through which I fight my own middle-class, college-bred way, the point of view of the Communist Party of the U. S. A. provides the sanest, most realistic answer. Secondly, I cannot disregard the amazing fulfillment of the Party's prognostications—our own crash of '29, the Italian aggression, the Brazilian situation, and now the threat of Fascism in Mexico. I'm not claiming that the Party is made up of lucky fortune tellers; I'm stating that they have a clearer view of the world than most of us muddled-thinking people. Finally, I cannot but be impressed by the way they get worthwhile things done. While the rest of us are arguing and stepping on each other's toes, the Party sees to it that another playground is built, another swimming pool is installed, that some further job is performed, always for the good of the people—and those people are you and I. With quiet dignity and great unselfish effort, members of the Communist Party work while we talk.

"History will grant them belated applause, but can't we today at least be fair?

"A FRIEND."

Change the World

Returns
On a Popular
Column

by MIKE GOLD

I HAD a strange experience last week: when I discovered that, by accident, I had written a very popular column. It is the one that discussed the banality and mechanical routine of many of our Communist Party unit meetings.

"Everyone complains about the weather, but nobody seems to do anything about it," Mark Twain once gloomed, and we can say the same of our dull unit meetings, which are, I believe, the principal cause of the turnover in party membership.

Well, letters have poured in, agreeing in heartfelt language, that here is a sore spot. And I meet comrades on the street, who shake my hand, though we are strangers, and ask, "Will something be done?"

It makes my face red, because I have started something that I know I can't finish. Maybe it has to be done from the bottom, by rank and file experiment and pressure—or maybe it has to be planned from a center—which is what I myself incline to, since I think this is a problem that needs expert planning, the professional touch.

Anyway, I would like more of these letters, with, however, some positive suggestions—prayer is not enough. I promise to turn these letters over to the organizational section of the Party. It comes under the head of self-criticism; let us hope it will in time become self-correction.

Here are some extracts from a few of the letters:

"N.Y.C.—My wife and I joined the Party about three and a half years ago. It's difficult to describe what the Party means to us and how it has affected our lives. That is why, for the first time, I am writing a letter to you. It is about your article on the unit meetings. We discussed it and brought to the attention of other comrades—and what a stir it made! May something come of it—I want the time to come when it will be a pleasure to go to a Party meeting!—B. S."

"Oshkosh, Wisconsin.—I don't always agree with your column, but this time, bravo! you've said the very thing I've tried to express in every unit meeting I've attended! though it makes no impression. Maybe our small-town mid-west units don't count much with you New Yorkers, but you should familiarize yourselves with our problems. I find we are narrow and cryptic, with a sort of underground flavor. A few old-timers dominate everything, and their answer to newcomers and youngsters generally is, "You just don't understand these things, comrades." Our organizer is a dynamic personality, a man of energy, discipline, some valuable political experience, and an utterly natural fearlessness you can't help respect. But I fear he is swamped by our unit meetings himself. From this you may have guessed I've quit—yes, that's true. I didn't want to. I need the Party in my own life. I want to learn how to work for proletarian justice. But I honestly cannot do this in a unit of old men who've been in the movement since well, since they were young. Enclosed is a dollar, anyway, for the Midwest Daily, which we need so much—Florence Wadsworth."

"Bronx, N. Y.—What you said about the unit meetings was very true, and has given many of us headaches and heartaches. But the solution you give is vague. You suggest gathering 50 teachers, artists, etc., well, why don't you, and come to the Party and submit your plans? And how about attending your own Unit meetings and doing something there, and telling us about it. Last Summer I read an interesting article in the Party Organizer that gave some real and concrete suggestions. But you were vague.—L. L."

"Brooklyn, N. Y.—Yes, we need to dramatize our unit meetings, appeal to the emotional side. But don't blame the poor unit organizers. They strain themselves for the material to enlighten and educate the meetings—but where they can find it! You should gather your committee of fifty and assemble this material. It is a crying need—now go ahead and do it.—Jack Newton."

Column Left

Housing Is a
Problem—Of Who
Profits from It
by HARRISON GEORGE

EVERYBODY is again skating around on the thin ice of the "housing problem." Now, however, it is emphasized as a "means for recovery."

Fine. But some folks contend there is no housing problem. Real estate and mortgage (banking) interests want to make and keep housing as scarce and costly as possible. Two years ago, the National Association of Building Owners asserted "the wisdom of preventing the erection of new buildings."

It is estimated that in 20 years, the average building has already paid for itself, and is no longer habitable. But millions live in ancient dumps that are almost pre-historic. In New York, slum dwellers pay rent for such "dwellings" to the Trinity Church, the Astor family and Congressman Ham Fish.

And just the other day we saw that John D. Rockefeller, Jr. (Senior is no longer interested in housing), held a secret confab with Mayor LaGuardia. What happened, no one knows. But it was given out that Rockefeller's heart fairly palpitated with a philanthropic urge for low cost housing for the poor. Besides, he "owns much Manhattan property."

Somewhat, we opine that such philanthropists can bear watching when they gird on sword and shining armor and tackle the housing problem. Frederick Engels, brilliant collaborator with Marx, decades ago took the housing problem to pieces and showed what made it tick.

As a chopping block, he took the "solution" proposed by a reformist named Dr. Sax. This Dr. Sax thought so highly of his scheme that he recommended it not only for housing, but "for raising the so-called propertyless classes to the level of the propertyed classes."

As a prelude, he asserted that, for the miserable conditions, the responsibility rests partly on the workers themselves. If they can only save something on rent, they will move into dark, damp and inadequate dwellings which are a mockery of all the demands of hygiene, while on the other hand, they squander their income in really sinful fashion."

Having thus established the inherent cussedness of workers, Dr. Sax went about the business of philanthropically helping to make property owners out of them. He rejected city housing as impracticable. And exactly as did the Bromo Quinine General Johnson recently, he urged cottages be erected, by employers, around industries located in the country. The workers to buy them, of course, on installments.

"The proletarian bitterness must disappear like mist before the morning sun," poetized Dr. Sax, "when workers enter into the ranks of property owners." More, "results produce and maintain a devoted working class." Producing not only houses that are hygienic, but workers unusually profitable.

But then, confronting the stern reality that workers are so ungrateful that, in spite of the philanthropy of the employer, some fall in "devotion" and even go on strike, Dr. Sax came around to the need—for the employer—"to make some provision for such cases by agreement for the revocation of ownership."

"This time," wrote Engels, "we have come down with unexpected suddenness. First it was said the worker must own his own little house. Then we are informed that this is impossible in towns and can be carried out only in the country. And now we are told that ownership even in the country is to be revocable by agreement."

"With this sort of property for the workers discovered by Herr Sax, with this transformation of the workers into capitalists—revocable by agreement—we have arrived safely on firm ground."

We trust that the workers of today will refuse to be carried off firm ground by the Saxes of 1937. A genuine drive really to build houses would aid recovery. But not if the construction workers are to suffer wage cuts in building them.

Low cost housing is the need of millions, on farms as well as in cities. But the people, first of all the slum dwellers, must be the beneficiaries; not the banks, contractors and land monopolists. Otherwise, like Dr. Sax, we will have a "revocable" recovery

'Siege' Fails in Its Purpose

Anti-Fascist Play Marred by Dramatic Confusion

By Eric Englander

The distressing news this morning is that Irwin Shaw's second play is a major disappointment—as arrangement of subject-matter, as manipulation of social values, as sheer writing, and as production. "Siege" in no way carries forward the promise of "Bury the Dead."

Shaw has tried to show the individual characters and the general state of morale obtaining in a "rock trap" occupied by a couple of dozen Spaniards fighting on the Loyalist side of the war. Nobody's thinking could be so wishful as to want to believe that every one of the government's soldiers is utterly clear about the reason and goal of his participation in the combat; but the other extreme, that of presenting no one whatever with a sure sense of the war's meaning and his role in it, is certainly just as preposterous and extravagant.

"Siege" is a mechanically cross-section-like landscape with figures which concentrates its wandering focus on a swaggering bull-fighter who finds the war an annoying interruption of his fun with girls. It is his indifference to death and to collective action which sets the attitude for the others. When a food-relief plane drops food out of bounds, it is the heedless bull-fighter who crawls out for it and has to have a leg removed for his romantic act. As he lies bitterly in bed, he tries to demoralize all the other wavering and muddled-headed companions, and has succeeded in persuading them to wave the flag of surrender when a hit-or-miss impossible pacifist decides that struggle is imperative and the group dumbly follows him out to the barricades.

Depicting of Theme

A couple of religionists, a couple of men who long only for their wives, a guitar-player, a hater of foreigners, a worried hotel-owner, a student, a hard-boiled doctor—everything is in this play except a sharp-eyed revolutionary who understands the war and is concerned about its progress. There is a love story between the bull-fighter and the pacifist wife which is as embarrassing and inept as anything you will find in town. There is a massive and typically impressive setting of rock-levels by Norman Bel Geddes which wheels around in full view and becomes a cellar room.

But it adds up to bad performance and sloppy production and total unconvincingness. Irwin Shaw may have wanted to show the "human" side of people caught up in a war not of their own making, but in his wholesale depoliticization of the theme he has done his own talent a grave disservice and contributed no kind of personal or theatrical enlightenment on the fight the Spanish people are so heroically waging against international fascism.

'Thrill of a Lifetime,' Now at Paramount, Mediocre Film

Picture Is an Insane Asylum With the Four Yacht Boys, Judy Canova; Dorothy Lamour, Ben Blue and Others

"THRILL OF A LIFETIME," Paramount picture, at the Paramount with The Yacht Club Boys, Judy Canova, Dorothy Lamour, Ben Blue, Betty Grable, Eleanor Whitney, Johnny Downs, Laila Brickson and Larry Crabbe.

When I wore three-cornered pants back in Altona, Pa., I thought it would be wonderful to get free movie passes and be able to go to all the shows. "Thrill of a Lifetime" at the Paramount makes me wish my parents had beat me and apprenticed me in the carshops.

This Keystone comedy that talks and walks like a man is a sort of insane asylum for all of the Paramount contract players who weren't working at the time. The mise en scene is a California mountain resort which apparently adjoins the Kentucky mountains so that bathing beauties and Buster Crabbe can alternate scenes with hillbilly Judy Canova.

Evidence that the producers knew it was a lemon before it left the cutting room is offered in the strange presence of Dorothy Lamour, plugging the theme song and dressed to kill against a "modernistic" background. In the play-within-the-play at the rugged vacation spot—a sequence added at the last minute.

Left Erickson, a sort of Joel McCrea, bears the burden of playing the playwright director of the camp with a glum doggedness. The Yacht Club (ex-) Boys sing a Hollywood analysis of our economic troubles which is the only acute pain in the general nausea.

Judy Canova and her Zeke and Anne suggest that there is a swell movie yet to be made around the folksy of the Southern mountains. Mrs. Jackie Coogan's (Betty Grable) future brood will undoubtedly receive bad prenatal influences from her presence in this picture.

Soviet Songs Heard
Stefan Kozakevich, baritone, will be heard in a recital of 30 years of Soviet songs at the Concert League Auditorium, 846 7th Ave., tonight. The program includes Art Songs of the Soviet Union, Songs of the U.S.S.R. and Songs of Labor.

Make This a Merry Christmas

The International Labor Defense Sends Money, Clothing, Toys and Food Each Christmas to the Widows and Orphans of Labor's Wars

By Sasha Small

In the shadow of the Republic Chicago Steel plant, which since Memorial Day, 1937, has become a grim reminder of cold-blooded murder, the lives and destinies of hundreds of steel workers and their families are being worked out in cold and dreary homes.

Tom Girdler is proud of what he did in South Chicago. Della Ann isn't old enough to know who Tom Girdler is. But she's old enough to know what he did to her daddy.

If you go down an alley in a side street, and walk up about 18 rickety wooden steps precariously fastened to the outside of a two-story building that stands on wobbly-looking brick stilts you come into Della Ann's house. She lives there with her mother and older brother Philip. There's only two rooms and a kitchen.

Her mother, Mrs. Taglieri, is only 27 years old. That's all her daddy was too. He was very good looking. There are two pictures of him in the living room. A large one hangs on the wall, the smaller one is in a standing-up frame on the table. "That's my daddy," lispes Della Ann, going on 3, "Policeman kill my daddy."

"But they won't kill me," echoes Philip, age 7.

Needs Shoes and Clothing

Rose Baron, I.L.D. Prisoners Relief Director, visited the Taglieri's on a recent trip to Chicago. She's seen plenty in her day, but her own eyes all with tears as she re-tells Mrs. Taglieri's story. It was bitter cold in the house when she arrived. Mrs. Taglieri apologized—the gas had been turned off because the bill wasn't paid and she couldn't even offer her guest a cup of tea. That was soon remedied, for Miss Baron carried with her a check from the Prisoners Relief Fund which will now go regularly to the Taglieri's. Della Ann wants a buggy for her doll for Christmas. She also needs shoes and warm clothing. So does Philip and so does mother. Who can't go out to work even if she could find any because then there would be no one to look after the children. She looks at her murdered husband's picture wistfully.

He was a good husband—a good worker and a good provider. The Taglieri's are the newest additions to the list of widows and orphans who are on the regular monthly relief rolls of the I.L.D. It is in their behalf as well as those of the prisoners and their families that our organization conducts its annual Christmas Drive—which is now in progress.

Down in Kentucky, there is Mrs. Elizabeth Baldwin and her four youngsters. The baby is only four years old. Her husband, a coal miner who was murdered by Harlan County gun-toters while at work in the strikers' soup kitchen.

"People of France!" Benefit The Squire, where "People of France..." is currently playing, announces a special showing of Joris Ivens' "New Earth," tonight at 11 P. M.

This showing is a benefit for the Anti-Fascist Film Committee and the proceeds go to the Daily Worker Drive.

set up in the struggle of 1931. These are only a few of the orphans of the class war. Through the years since tragedy broke over their heads they have been the wards of the Prisoners Relief Fund of the I.L.D. All year round, on the 15th of every month, the postman brings them a letter with a relief check in it. And at Christmas time, he turns into Santa Claus bringing a bigger check and a box of shoes, clothing, toys, sweets—something for everybody in the family, from the thousands of unknown but sympathetic friends and supporters from all over the country.

Like little Della Ann, all the kids know how their fathers fought and fell, and why. It is our duty to help keep these youngsters proud of what their old men did, so they will grow up to do what their fathers dreamed and hope for, and take their place in the ranks left void by their untimely deaths. Meanwhile—they are entitled to some of the happiness that is the heritage of all childhood—dolls, trains, books, teddy bears—in addition to food, clothing and shelter. You can help us extend the brotherly helping hand of solidarity to them by contributing to the 1937 Christmas Drive for Labor's Prisoners and their families. They are counting on us and we cannot fail them. All contributions of funds, clothing, shoes, toys—may be sent directly to the national headquarters of the drive, Room 610, 80 E. 11th St., or to any branch or state office of the I.L.D. Your aid will also help assure them of steady support all year round. That's what makes this Christmas Drive different from all others.

Stage Stars March In Anti-Silk Parade

The Theatre Arts Committee for Democracy and Peace calls on all actresses, dancers and musicians to march at the head of the Women's Anti-Silk Parade to be held this Saturday. Mobilization for the parade is called for 11 A.M. at 30th St. and Lexington Ave.

Famous stage personalities who will appear include Helen Golden of "Having a Wonderful Time," Phoebe Brand of "Golden Boy" and many others. Claire Luce of "Of Mice and Men," Frances Farmer of "Golden Boy," Katherine Warren, Margaret Barker and Martha Graham head the long list of prominent sponsors.

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By Medical Advisory Board

Cupping in Modern Dress

M. J. of Scranton, Pa. writes: "I am enclosing a circular about 'pneumostat' which is self-explanatory. Please let me know what you think of this method of reducing and how long I can reduce. I am 33 years of age, 5 feet, 1 inch in height and weigh about 155 lbs. I am the mother of two children."

As the ads say, "Pneumostat" is nothing more than the old cupping method in modern dress. Cupping does not cause fat or take it away. All that cupping does is to mildly stimulate the skin and create pleasant sensations. You can get the same effect by taking a warm bath or by being massaged. Massage and warm baths do not reduce weight. There is a temporary loss of water but that is soon replaced.

Reducing should be done under the care and advice of a physician, either privately or at a clinic. We suggest you read the articles on weight reduction in the July 1935—April 1936—Nov. 1937 issues of Health and Hygiene at 215 Fourth Ave., New York City, asking them to send you back copies of the magazine and any information they have on the subject of reducing.

Dots & Dashes

HIGHLIGHTS FOR TODAY

8:00-WEAF—Classical Service Concert with Lucille Marner, Soprano, Ensemble, Borden's Orchestra
8:30-WABC—Music from Hollywood
8:30-WABC—Hollywood Hotel
10:00-WABC—Song Shop
10:15-WOBS—Rambler Symphony Orch.
Leon Barsh, Conductor; Josef Liebowitz, Guest

8:00-WJZ—Mark Weber's Orchestra
WABC—Weaver in Music

8:30-WEAF—News
WJZ—Borden's Quartet

8:45-WEAF—Billy and Betty
1:00-WABC—Poetic Melodies
1:15-WABC—Poetic Melodies

7:30-WOBS—The Lone Ranger, Sketch
WJZ—Lone Ranger, Sketch
WEAF—Radio City Orchestra

8:00-WEAF—Classical Service Concert
WABC—Music Hall
8:30-WJZ—Death Valley Days, Sketch
WABC—Hollywood Hotel, Soloists
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8:30-WJZ—Dorsey Orchestra
10:15-WOBS—Rambler Orchestra
FOR THE MUSIC LOVER

8:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.
WHOT—The Masterwork Hour
Throughout the Day
WGQR—Classical Selections

MOTION PICTURES

"Tremendously effective, poignant, exciting and fearful..." —N. Y. Times

"Strong... revealing, effective." —N. Y. POST

"More than enough to gratify." —WORLD-TEL

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COMPLETE ENGLISH DIALOGUE TITLES

Directed by JEAN (Lower Depths) RENOU—ALL STAR FRENCH CAST

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SQUIRE 44th St. on 8th Ave. 25c. Sat., Sun.

Benefit Performance TONIGHT 11:30 - Adm. 40c

JORIS IYENS' "NEW EARTH" The Film That Made Iyens Famous.

(SUDDEN REEL)

Join New Soviet Comedy "MAIL" and Experimental Short—also Chaplin and Laughlin Short Comedies

Auspices Anti-Fascist Film Committee

WEST END 125th St. at ST. NICHOLAS AVE.

THEATRE NEW SHOW EN FRA. COLORED REVUES

MID-NITE SHOW TOMOR.

On Stage: PIGMEAT; Many 15c-25c

Others: 30 Lovely Girls; Contin. 25c-40c

9:30 to Midnight.

"Best Yiddish picture I have ever seen."

—Wanda Hale, DAILY NEWS

"WELL WORTH SEEING."—Daily Worker

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A Colorful Musical Comedy Drama

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CAMEO 42 St. East of 25c to 1 P.M. 5c-10c

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"HIGH, WIDE & HANDSOME"

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CONCERT

TONIGHT 8:30

Concert League, 846 7th Ave. (bet. 84 & 85 Sts.)

STEFAN KOZAKEVICH

Baritone

"Twenty Years of Soviet Songs"

Solo. 11.10-12. Mercedes Bennett at Stinson

By LESTER RODNEY

The Coach Tells All

"Who are you losing next year?" I asked.

Next Year Is It

So you'd better keep your eye on Long Island University's basketball team next year. Because Coach Clair Bee doesn't see much sense in exaggerating about a team he is coaching.

And a fairly good bet is that this year's team may lose one or two less than 10 games——if they rate that high potentially they can't be too bad just one year previous.

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(This is the fifth of a series of eight articles on Soviet sports.)

Flying sports in the Soviet Union has made great progress in recent years.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Niemiec and cash for Ted Williams, San Diego's sensational 19-year-old outfielder sought by four other clubs.

Taking the second game first, it looks as if the Joint Council boys will be hard put to keep their slate

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halfback on Walter Camp's honor team of 1922. The board authorized its officers to "interview qualified coaches so that Kipke's successor might be picked with a minimum of delay," it was said.

The "Daily" revealed that these players were asked to spy on their fellow workers as the price of the jobs which they needed to stay in school.